

Title : Regarding need for early completion of gauge conversion work on Tiruchendur section of Railways in Tamil Nadu.

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SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI : Tiruchendur is one of the important pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu. Throughout the year, pilgrims are thronging this temple and railway plays an important role in transporting the public. Many arts and professional colleges are situated in this area and students from all over Tamil Nadu and Kerala are studying here. Rail transport is the most attractive one. The present metre gauge system does not satisfy these sections of people. People suffer a lot due to transshipment at Tirunalveli Jn. Hence, it was decided by the Department to give preference to this section during conversion. Ninety per cent of the work has already been finalised. All the civil works have been completed and this section could be opened for traffic if required materials are diverted to this section. I request that the work may be completed at the earliest for the benefit of the people of this area.