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Title: Need to introduce and upgrade railway facilities in the newly created Salem Division.

SHRIMATI K. RANI (RASIPURAM): I would like to raise the following matter of urgent public importance under zero hour submission.

While thanking the hon. Railway Minister for creating a new Salem Division, I would request him to kindly make it functional immediately by providing allocation of more funds for this Division. I request him to kindly pay attention to the following projects also:

- Salem-Karur gauge conversion work may be expedited and an announcement regarding the likely date of completion may be announced.
- 'Garib Rath' to Chennai which departs New Delhi on Mondays may be re-scheduled to depart from New Delhi either on Friday or on Saturday; and its frequency may also be increased to at least twice a week.
- POET machine may be provided at Namakkal Railway Station.
- Extend the EQ ticket release facility to North-bound trains also.
- Connecting bridge may be constructed in Salem-Karur section, especially at Namakkal.
- Mobile hospital facility may be provided on all trains by nominating a Doctor in all trains.
- Lift facilities for senior citizens and disabled persons at Coimbatore, Erode and Salem Railway Stations.