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Title: Need to provide stoppage for Train No. 2731/2732 Tirupati-Secunderabad Express at Ananthapur railway Station, Andhra Pradesh-laid.

SHRI ANANTHA VENKATARAMI REDDY (ANANTAPUR): After the gauge conversion of Pakala-Dharmavaram line in South Central Railway which was inaugurated recently, the Railways have introduced a new train-2731/2732 Tirupati-Secunderabad Express- to cater to the needs of thousands of passengers who visit the holy place, Tirupati every day. In fact, this is the first Express train on this newly laid broad gauge track and the people of Anantapur district have wholeheartedly welcomed the gauge conversion and introduction of trains on this route.

It is unfortunate that the Railways have not proposed a stoppage for this train at the district headquarters and parliamentary constituency headquarters of Anantapur. Large number of passengers travel from Anantapur towards Secunderbad and Tirupati and a night Express train on this route would fetch huge amount of income to the Railways. Stoppage of this train at Anantapur station is very essential for both to increase the revenue of Railways and to meet the growing needs of the passengers.

I would urge upon the Minister of Railways to issue directions to SCR authorities to provide a stoppage for 2731/2732 Tirupati-Secunderbad Express train at Anantapur with immediate effect.