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Title: Regarding stoppage of vaigai Express at Srirangam Railway Station in Trichirapalli, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Sir, Srirangam is a famous pilgrim centre in Tamil Nadu, which attracts a large number of pilgrims from all over the world. It is a part of my parliamentary constituency, Tiruchirapalli. The floating population in this pilgrim centre is more than 15,000 per day. The original population of the city is nearby one and a half lakhs.

Due to the pilgrimage, a large number of people are using rail as a mode of their transport. Most of the trains are having stoppages at the famous pilgrim centre except Vaigai Express running between Chennai and Madurai *via* Srirangam. Another train, Trichi-Tanjore passenger train, passes through Manjathidal, an important railway station in Trichi city.

It is not having a stoppage at Manjathidal. More than 10,000 passengers are using this railway station daily.

There is a long-pending demand of the people living in both the areas for stoppage of Vaigai Express at Srirangam and stoppage of Trichi-Tanjore passenger train at Manjathidal railway station. I earnestly appeal to the Government, through this House, to direct the Ministry of Railways for the stoppage of these two trains at the respective railway stations to facilitate the people.