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Title: Need to implement decision of diversion of Chennai-Vijayawada-Chennai Jan Shatabdi Express (2078/2077).

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (GUNTUR): I would like to bring to the kind attention of the Union Railway Minister the long cherished desires of the people of my Guntur constituency.

The long pending desire to have a day time train between Chennai and Guntur was met by the authorities with the announcement of diversion of Chennai-Vijayawada-Chennai Jan Shatabdi Express (2078/2077) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2011. Revised time table for this route was also announced. However, so far the decision of diversion of route has not been implemented and the train has not been started.

Guntur is an important city and the largest populated district in Andhra Pradesh and also having the Railway Divisional Headquarters. The city is dotted with engineering college, medical college, Science and other degree colleges, and a number of corporate institutions. Many software engineers of Guntur are employed in IT industry in Hyderabad, as well as in Mumbai, Pune, Chennai and Bangalore. In view of this, it is requested to include the following intercity express trains in the coming Railway Budget of 2012-13.

Earlier, Nagarjuna Express was running between Guntur and Secunderabad. Now that Express train has been extended up to Visakhapatnam. By the time it reaches Guntur, the Guntur passengers do not even get one berth for them to travel. Now Nagarjuna Express has been converted into Janmabhoomi Express. It is a long bound train. By the time it reaches Guntur, not even ten persons get accommodation. Children, women and old-age people are boarding and alighting at Guntur. Sattenapalli, Piduguralla and Nadikudi passengers are not able to get even standing accommodation. During the festival seasons and week-endsâ€

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please ask what you want.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO : We want the introduction of a day time Express between Guntur and Chennai, as well as Guntur to Secunderabad, Guntur to Tirupati. We request that in the next Budget all the three trains should be introduced.

Other than that, the Guntur Railway division consisting of 95 per cent of single and non-electrified track was formed a long time back and no infrastructural development has been taken up by the Railway authorities so far to make this a full-fledged headquarters.

The doubling and electrification of Nallapadu to Pagidipalli (Bibinagar) is quite essential.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not the discussion on the Railway Budget.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO: We want that electrification work of Nallapadu-Pagidipalli to be taken up in the next Budget.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have to make only one point. Please do not bring up all issues.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO : A number of pilgrims from Guntur and surrounding places are visiting Shirdi. We want some diversion of trains *via* Guntur to Shirdi and Bibinagar. You are going to introduce Bullet train between Secunderabad and Chennai. This route is very convenient and it is the shortest route.