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Title: Need to expedite introduction of bi-weekly A.C. Duronto Express train between Madurai and Chennai in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): The Minister of Railways in her speech while presenting the railway budget for the year 2011-2012 (Budget speech para no. 34) announced that a Bi-weekly A.C. Duronto Express will be introduced between Madurai and Chennai. Madurai and Chennai is a vital sector of the Railways having very heavy traffic. Passengers are not able to get accommodation for months together. Since the Government of Tamil Nadu has recently steeply increased the bus fare, the railway is the cheap mode of transport for common man. It is reasonable to increase the frequency of trains between Madurai and Chennai.

The Omni bus operators are fleecing money from the travellers by way of demanding exorbitant rate by way of ticket from those who travel in their buses.

More than 10 months have passed since the Railway Minister announced on the floor of the House to introduce bi-weekly A.C. Duronto Express between Madurai and Chennai but nothing has been done in this regard.

I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to introduce bi-weekly AC Duronto Express train between Madurai and Chennai for the convenience of the passengers who live in that sector immediately.