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Title: Need to add more coaches to the trains.

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): Sir, I would like to raise an urgent matter regarding acute shortage of reservation in all trains bound for Southern region as well as trains plying in Tamil Nadu, especially, during summer vacation.

More than 50,000 people are on wait list up to June 10 of this year for the trains running between Kanyakumari and Chennai alone. This is the case with all routes and in prominent routes other than the above the wait list is running into several lakhs. Even Tatkal Reservations are sold in seconds' time.

Trains are running jam-packed. There are huge crowds in all the reservation centres in spite of having e-mail ticketing facility. People are travelling on footboards due to huge crowds inside the coaches. The children and elderly people are suffering a lot while travelling.

Sir, recently a person, who was carrying his four children to Mumbai from Salem fell down inside the track while he was trying to board the train as he could not enter because of huge crowd inside the coach and succumbed to death. These types of incidents and accidents are taking place everyday and everywhere across the country.

Therefore, I urge upon the hon. Minister of Railways to forthwith direct all the Zonal Railways to add more coaches in all the trains when there are passengers out number its capacity.