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Title: Need to create a new Tirunelveli Railway Division with Tirunelveli as its headquarters.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): There has been a long pending demand from the people of western Tamil Nadu to create a new Railway Division with Tirunelveli as its headquarters. The places located south of Madurai Viz., VÃ—rudhunagar, Manamadurai, Tuticorin, Tiruchendur, Kanyakumari, Nagercoil (including town), Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Senkottai can be included having a jurisdiction of 615 kms. under Tirunelveli Division of Southern Railway Zone.

The people of Tamil Nadu since long have been facing a lot of difficulties due to inadequate train facilities from Capital Chennai to various southern districts in the State. Moreover, there has been demand for laying of double lines in various sections. As a result, the demand for creation of Tirunelveli Division has been gaining momentum. This long pending demand can be fulfilled by taking out some portions of Madurai and Trivendrum Division which will also be administratively viable, economical, promote freight and passenger traffic and will help in all-round development of the region.

Keeping in view of above, I humbly urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Railway Minister to kindly take necessary steps for the early creation of Tirunelveli Railway Division, Tamil Nadu.