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Title: Need to introduce new train between Pallachi and Chennai via Dindigul in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. SUGUMAR (POLLACHI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, my Parliamentary constituency Pollachi in Tamil Nadu consists of agriculturists, businessmen and general public. Nearly thousands of people from Pollachi, Udumalaipettai, Kinathukadavu, Dharapuram and Valparai are required to visit Chennai daily for personal and business purposes. They have to take their train only from Coimbatore to reach Chennai. Now, only two trains are operating between Coimbatore and Chennai. The people are facing huge difficulty in getting their reservation. They are compelled to travel by Omni buses for which they have to pay huge fares. More than 150 Omni buses are being operated on daily basis.

18.02 hrs (Dr. M. Thambidurai *in the Chair*)

Sir, the gauge conversion work between Palani and Pollachi is expected to be completed on or before 31.03.2013. I, on behalf of my constituents would like to request the hon. Minister of Railways to operate at least two trains directly from Pollachi to Chennai *via* Dindigul after the completion of the gauge conversion.