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Title: Need to restore the earlier arrival time of Garudathri Express at Tiruttani, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI G. HARI (ARAKKONAM): Madam Speaker, I wish to bring to your kind notice some important issues relating to my Arakkonam parliamentary constituency.

Mysore-Chennai Garudathri Express (Train No. 16203) currently arrives at Tiruttani station at 9.15 am as against the earlier arrival time of 8 am. Because of this change in time, thousands of office-goers, students and government officials are affected as the new timing has caused inconvenience to them. I urge upon the hon. Union Minister for Railways to instruct the officials concerned to restore the arrival time of Mysore-Chennai Garudathri Express (Train No. 16203) to 8 a.m. in Tiruttani.

Ichchiputhur railway station lies between Arakkonam and Tiruttani railway stations. Ichchiputhur railway station should be made functional besides increasing the height of the platform at the station. Many industries and colleges are functioning near Ichchiputhur railway station. I urge that all Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) should have stoppages at Ichchiputhur railway station.

All Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) from Chennai to Arakkonam should be extended up to Tiruttani, particularly during morning and evening hours. There is no train service from Tiruttani at present towards Chennai between 7 am and 9.40 am. It was earlier assured that an EMU would be operated from Tiruttani to Chennai at 8 am. I urge that keeping in view the growing demand and urgent need, an EMU should be operated at 8 am from Tiruttani towards Chennai. Likewise, all the EMUs operated between Chennai and Arakkonam during morning and evening hours should be extended up to Sholingar Panavaram railway station.

I urge upon the hon. Railway Minister to look into these issues relating to my Arakkonam constituency.