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Title: Need to construct an alternative approach road to Namakkal Railway Station in Tamil Nadu and augment train services in Namakkal Parliamentary Constituency.

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL): In my Namakkal Constituency of Tamil Nadu, Namakkal Railway Station is situated on the Senthamangalam Road. During the peak hours, due to heavy traffic, passengers are not able to reach the railway station in time.

In the interest of the general public, a study was carried out. It was observed that another road can be laid to reach the railway station through Thuraiyur Road which is beside the railway track. Vacant land is also there on the western side of the railway track that is suitable for a new road.

A joint inspection was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 for the new road by the Southern Railway Divisional Manager, Divisional Engineer along with the Namakkal MLA and the Member of Parliament. It was proposed to take up the new approach road which is estimated to cost Rs. 3 crore. Hence, the hon. Railway Minister may consider my request and take necessary steps to complete the laying of road to link the railway station. I also want to make the following requests:-

- (i) The Chennai Express running from Chennai to Salem may be extended up to Namakkal;
- (ii) The passenger train running from Salem to Karur may be extended up to Tiruchi and also be operated on Sundays;
- (iii) A computerized reservation counter may be set up in Rasipuram Railway Station to benefit general public.