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Title:Need to re-establish Saray Railway Station in Manivizhunthan village Salem District in Kallakurichi Parliamentary Constituency.

DR.K. KAMARAJ (KALLAKURICHI): Sir, in Manivizhunthan village of Salem District, Sarvay Railway Station was built by the Britishers in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Railway Station was functional and operational for more than 70 years till 2007. In 2007 when the Railways converted the Salem to Cuddalore meter-gauge to broad-gauge, the Railway Station was not re-established and the Station became defunct.

The general public and the President of the Village have written to the Railways for the reconstruction of the Railway Station. The Railways have demanded about Rs.40 lakh as the contribution from the village and want the amount to be deposited with the Railways. When the Panchayat itself is finding it very difficult to meet the basic needs like providing drinking water, providing drainage facilities and providing road facilities, how can the Railways demand Rs.40 lakh from the general public? Hence, I would request the hon. Railway Minister to instruct the Southern Railway authorities to re-establish the Railway Station without insisting for the money under the Sharmadham Scheme.