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Title:Need to provide better amenities at all platforms of Railway Stations in Thanjavur district for celebration of Mahamaham festival.

□ SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. World famous Mahamaham festival, called as the Kumbhmela of South India will be celebrated with grandeur in Kumbakonam of Thanjavur district on 22.2.2016. Ancient sayings stress upon the importance of making holy dip in the Mahamaham pond which may bring you plentiful blessings and fortune. People from abroad and different parts of the country visit this place for a holy dip. Besides security arrangements, transport facilities, drinking water, sanitation, electric supply and other basic amenities will be provided. Police booths at 72 places, security towers at 55 places, CCTV cameras at 132 places, revolving cameras at 26 places, road barricades at 1163 places will be set up. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has ordered for swift action of authorities in this regard. Hence I urge upon the Union Government to provide funds as its share in organising this grand festival. I also request the Ministry of Railways to arrange for temporary cloak rooms in all the Railway Stations in Thanjavur district with a view to help the rail passengers expected to arrive during Mahamaham festival in large number, especially from other States of the country. I request to arrange medical facilities with Doctors and paramedical staff, adequate catering facilities in all platforms of Railway Stations in Thanjavur district especially during the Mahamaham festival. Thank you.