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Title: Need to provide various railway facilities in Mayiladuthurai Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

*SHRI R.K.BHARATHI MOHAN (MAYILADUTHURAI) : Hon. Madam Speaker. I thank you for this opportunity. I start my speech seeking the blessings of Hon. Puratchithalaivi Amma. People around Thanjavur, Mayiladuthurai, Kumbakonam and adjoining areas are fully dependant on railways for affordable and safe journey. Government and private sector employees, students and others are mainly dependant on rail services in these areas. In order to avail reservation facilities they have to either go to Kumbakonam which is at a 15 km distance or to Mayiladuthurai which is at a 20 km distance. This is causing worry to students, pilgrims, passengers and general public. Aaduthurai railway station should have a reservation centre for booking train tickets. Thanjavur to Chennai – Uzhavan Express (No16183 / 16184). This train reaches Thanjavur from Chennai at 7.30 am and departs to Chennai only at 8.30 pm. There is a gap of twelve hours and during the period this train is stationed at Thanjavur railway station. Uzhavan express train should be extended up to Mayiladuthurai via Kumbakonam during day time so that Ayyampettai, Papanasam, Swamimalai, Kumbakonam, Tirunageswaram, Thiruvudai, Maruthur Aaduthrai Kuttralam railway stations would get rail connectivity. Through this extension of rail service, farmers, fishermen, students and general public will be much benefitted. At present they are availing the facilities at Mayiladuthurai railway station. Uzhavan Express train should be extended from Thanjavur to Mayiladuthurai. This is a long pending demand of rail passengers and general public of this area. Therefore I urge upon the Union Government to extend Chennai - Thanjavur Uzhavan Express from Thanjavur to Mayiladuthurai via Kumbakonam and also request to introduce new trains between Thanjavur to Tiruvannamalai.