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Title: Need to enhance safety and security measures in Chennai suburban and MRTS Railway Station.

SHRI S.R. VIJAYA KUMAR (CHENNAI CENTRAL): Hon. Speaker, Madam, I thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to raise an important issue.

There is a widespread feeling that the safety and security measures at Chennai suburban and MRTS railway stations are required to be enhanced.

At present, there are no CCTV cameras in and around the railway stations. Integrated security system with enough CCTV cameras in and around all suburban and MRTS railway stations have to be installed immediately.

There is no proper lighting at the railway platforms, entry and exit points and in the parking lots. Proper illumination must be ensured immediately.

Even during peak hours, there is lack of presence of security personnel. Deployment of enough Railway Police personnel in all the suburban and MRTS railway stations throughout the day must be ensured.

The structure and design of most of the stations in MRTS is such that the tracks are at the second level. At most of the stations, particularly during non-peak hours, it is virtually impossible to find passengers at the intermediate level. At present, the space at intermediate levels, envisaged for commercial establishments, remain dusty, empty and neglected. Steps for usage of this space will help improve safety measures at MRTS stations.

I urge upon the Railway Ministry to take immediate action in the interest of the commuting public.

Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: \* m02 Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri S.R. Vijaya Kumar.