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Title: Need to provide facilities at Arakkonam Railway junction in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI G. HARI (ARAKKONAM): Arakkonam is an important junction under Southern Railway. Huge railway land is available at this junction and it has been a long pending demand of the people of this area as well as that of railway men for expansion of all platforms at this junction in order to handle trains with 28 bogies. Construction of ramp connecting all platforms is also required. It has also been a long pending demand to construct new platform adjacent to ticket booking counter so as to handle EMUs which will enable school children, senior citizens and ailing patients to reach station. Presently new broad gauge fourth line between Tiruallur and Arakkonam junction is moving at snail speed which needs to be expedited. Therefore, I urge upon the railways to direct southern railway to complete the above works.