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Title: Need to provide a stoppage for the new Antyodaya train at Cuddalore Railway Station.

SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN (CUDDALORE): Thank you very much, hon. Deputy Speaker Sir.

The newly introduced Tambaram – Tirunelveli Antyodaya Express is connecting Tambaram and Tirunelveli Junction in Tamil Nadu. It is operated daily from Tambaram to Tirunelveli Junction as Train No. 16191 and from Tirunelveli Junction to Tambaram as Train No. 16192. Announced in 2017, the train started its operations from 9th June, 2018. Unfortunately, this important Antyodaya train service is being denied to the entire Cuddalore district. Cuddalore Town is the District Headquarters and is a very big business commercial centre in Tamil Nadu. There are several thousand workers working in many big and small industries in and around Cuddalore. The NLC is also there. There are several Chemical and Petro Chemical Industries in SIPCOT region near Cuddalore. Besides, there are thousands of fishermen living in this District. What is required is that this important train needs to be stopped at Cuddalore. The people of Cuddalore are very angry and are doing agitations every now and then. The situation is very volatile and the people need to be pacified at the earliest.

I request you to take necessary steps to provide a stoppage for the new Antyodaya Train at Cuddalore Railway Station.