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Title: Regarding Railway related issues pertaining to Mayiladuthurai Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu -laid.

SHRI R.K. BHARATHI MOHAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): Train No. 16793/16794 Rameswaram — Ayodhya - Faizabad weekly express has a stoppage at Kumbakonam, The people of Mayiladuthurai want the stoppage of this train at Mayiladuthurai also. At present, this train has stoppage only at Villupuram after Kumbakonam. I, therefore, request that stoppage may kindly be provided for this train at Mayiladuthurai.

Lack of Coach Maintenance Facility all along the 200 kms distance between Villupuram and Thanjavur in the Main Line is attributed to the non-introduction of any new long distance trains from any of the locations in this section. Tiruchchirappalli Division has only two such coach terminal facilities - one each at Tiruchchirappalli and Villupuram. Any demand for new long distance trains from Main Line area is denied by Railways citing non-existence of coach terminal facilities here. Hence passengers expect the railways to establish a Coach Maintenance Facility in the Main line at Kumbakonam. Kumbakonam has adequate railway land bank and acquirable vacant lands along the railway boundary with good water facility. It is one of the oldest identified Aadharsh stations and attract huge pilgrims and passengers of commercial interest. I, therefore, urge the Government for the establishment of Coach Terminal Facility at Kumbakonam.