

**GM's Meeting with Hon'ble MPs of the region served by  
Madurai Division on 18.11.2021**

	<b>Shri Dhanush M. Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tenkasi Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to restore Tirunelveli-Tambaram-Tirunelveli weekly Express via Tenkasi, Rajapalayam, Karaikudi using Dadar idle rakes on Sundays &amp; Mondays.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The lie over rake of rain No.22629/22630 Tirunelveli-Dadhar-Tirunelveli is being deployed to operate special trains during festivals.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Guruvayur-Punalur-Guruvayur Express via Tenkasi, Rajapalayam which was proposed in IRTTC meeting 2020.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Extension of Train No. 16327/16328 Guruvayur – Punalur Express to Madurai will be proposed in the forth coming meeting with IRTTC.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request to operate Tirunelveli-Coimbatore Weekly Express via Ambasmudrum, Tenkasi, Rajapalayam, Madurai, Pollachi (Using Bilaspur rakes on Thursdays &amp; Fridays)</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of new trains and extension of trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Train No.56821/56822 Mayiladuthurai-Dindigul Fast passenger upto Sengottai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of new trains and extension of trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Madurai-Chennai Egmore Tejas Express 22671/22672 upto Tirunelveli.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Extension of T.No.22671/22672 Chennai Egmore- Madurai – Chennai Egmore Tejas Express up to Tirunelveli is operationally not feasible as the lie over time available at Madurai is 2 hours 45 minutes which is insufficient for extension to Tirunelveli.

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request to operate Tirunelveli-Yesvantpur Janshatabdi Express via Madurai and Hosur route</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Powers for introduction of new trains and extension of trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request to convert Train No.06181 Silambu Express as daily express</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Increase in frequency of Silambu express Train No.16181 / 16182 Chennai-Sengottai Express from Tri weekly to daily is not feasible due to terminal constrains at Chennai Egmore and as this train shares common path with other trains. However, timings for a new Tri weekly express between Tambaram – Sengottai via Tiruvarur & Karaikudi has been finalised and forwarded to Railway Board in the current year.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request to extend any one Tirunelveli-Sengottai Passenger train to Tiruchendur and convert as MEMU train.</b>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request to extend any one Tirunelveli-Sengottai Passenger train to Tuticorin and convert as MEMU train</b>
	<b>Response:</b> All passenger trains will be progressively converted as MEMUs.
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Request to restore Tambaram-Sengottai Antyothoya Express via Pudukottai</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Powers for introduction of new trains and extension of trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request to change train timings of 16791/16792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi Express from 23.20 to 20.00.</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Train No.16791 Tirunelveli- Palakkad Palaruvi Express is a commuter train in Kottayam – Ernakulam – Trissur section and hence, it is not feasible to advance its departure time from Tirunelveli.
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Request to change Train Timings of 16102/16101 Kollam-Chennai Egmore daily express</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Due to platform constraints at Chennai Egmore, it is not feasible to revise the timings of Train No.16101 / 16102 Chennai Egmore – Kollam – Chennai Egmore express.

<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Train No.16791/16792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi express to Tuticorin and other direction upto Mangalore</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No.16791/16792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi express undergoes primary maintenance at Tirunelveli and hence the extension is not feasible.</p> <p>Extension of this train to Mangalore as it will deprive the passengers in Shorannur-Palakkad section of an existing service.</p>
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request to merge Tirunelveli-Sengottai 56797 Passenger and Sengottai-Kollam 56737 passenger as Tirunelveli-Kollam direct passengers. Also Return direction club Kollam-Sengottai 56738 and Sengottai-Tirunelveli 56727 passengers operate as Kollam-Tirunelveli direct passenger.</b>
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request to club and extend trains</b>
	<b>(i) Trivandrum-Nagercoil-Tirunelveli-Sengottai-Quilon Trivandrum MEMU train</b>
	<b>(ii) Tirunelveli-nagercoil-Trivandrum-Quilon-Sengottai Tirunelveli EMU train</b>
	<b>(iii)Quilon-Sengottai-Tirunelveli-Nagercoil-Trivandrum-Quilon MEMU train</b>
	<b>(iv)Nagercoil-Trivandrum-Quilon-Sengottai-Tirunelveli Nagercoil MEMU train</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The request for introduction of circular MEMU services is noted.</p>
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Request to extend the H.Nizamuddin-Madurai Samparkranti to Tirunelveli via Tenkasi</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The Rake of H.Nizamuddin-Madurai Samparkranti express is integrated with rake of Madurai-Chennai of Bi-weekly express. Hence the extension is not feasible.</p>
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Request to divert route of Train No.11021/11022 Dadar-Tirunelveli tri-weekly express via Tenkasi</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The lie over time available at Tirunelveli for this train is only 03:40 minutes. This is inadequate for diversion of this train via Tenkasi as the train has to traverse a longer distance and the rake has to undergo mandatory other end attention at Tirunelveli.</p>

<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request to extend short terminated weekly train No.22655/22656 Thiruvananthapuram-Nizamuddin upto Tirunelveli via Sengottai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No.22655/22656 Ernakulam-Nizamuddin weekly express runs with full load of 22 LHB coaches. Due to load restrictions in Sengotta-Punalur ghat section, it is not feasible to operate the train as suggested.
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce atleast any one of the following Railway Board approved trains</b>
	<b>(i) Tirunelveli-Tambaram weekly via Tenkasi</b>
	<b>(ii) Increase frequency of Train Nos.22657/22658 Nagercoil-Trivandrum</b>
	<b>(iii) Increase frequency of 12689/12690 Nagercoil-Chennai Central</b>
	<b>(iv) Extension of Thiruvnanthapuram-Mangalore Express to Tirunelveli.</b>
	<b>(v) Extension of Thiruvananthapuram-Mangalore express to Tirunelveli</b>
	<b>(vi) Sengottai-Tambaram Antyodaya Express daily</b>
	<b>(vii) Extension of 56365/56366 Guruvayur-Punalur daily express to Madurai</b>
	<b>(viii) Extension of 12759/12760 Tambaram-Hyderabad Express to Kanniyakumari via Tirunelveli.</b>
	<b>(ix) Extension of 12759/12760 Tambaram-Hyderabad Express to Kanniyakumari via Tirunelveli</b>
	<b>(x) Extension of 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram-Madurai Express to Rameswaram</b>
	<b>(xi) Extension of 20601/20602 Madurai-Chennai Central tri weekly to Tirunelveli</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Proposals for trains which are being minuted in the IRTTC Meeting can be introduced only on issue of orders to that effect from Railway Board. None of the trains listed by the Hon'ble MP have been notified by Railway Board.
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Chennai-Hyderabad Train to Kanniyakumari via Tirunelveli</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 12760/12759 Secunrabad – Tambaram – Secunrabad Express, Train No. 17652/17651 Kacheguda – Chengalpattu – Kacheguda Express and Train No. 12604/12603 Hyderabad – MGR Chennai Central – Hyderabad Express run in integrated rake links. The lie-over time available for these rakes is not sufficient for their extension to Kanniyakumari.

<b>21.0</b>	<b>Requirements at Sengottai and Tenkasi Railway stations</b>
	<b>(i) Request to arrange Lift &amp; Escalators at Sengottai and Tenkasi Railway Stations.</b>
	<p><b>Response:</b> Provision of two lifts have been sanctioned for Tenkasi and Sengottai Railway stations and work will be taken up shortly.</p> <p>As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator at station is 25,000 per day. Hence both stations are not eligible for provision of escalators.</p>
	<b>(ii) Request to increase stabling lines in Sengottai Railway station.</b>
	<p><b>Response:</b> At present, Five Roads &amp; one Track Machine Siding are available at Sengottai which is adequate for the present level of Traffic.</p>
	<b>(iii) Request to get sanction for construction of separate bypass line in Tenkasi also while implementing laying of double track between Sengottai and Tenkasi Railway Stations</b>
	<p><b>Response:</b> With the present level of traffic bypass line is not possible.</p>
	<b>(iv) Request for sanction of new line from Tirunelveli to Sankarankovil</b>
	<p><b>Response:</b> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new Railway line between Tirunelveli and Sankarankovil via Pudur, Sendamaram, Surandai was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 30/06/2016. Abstract Cost of the Project is Rs.655.84 Cr. ROR is (-) 12.662%. Railway Board has shelved the Project.</p>
	<b>(v) Request to provide infrastructure facilities and upgrade the Sengottai and Tenkasi of Tenkasi District.</b>
	<p><b>Response:</b> Sengottai is a NSG5 category station on Virudhanagar – Sengottai section of Madurai Division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms.</p> <p>Tenkasi is a NSG4 category station on Virudhanagar – Sengottai section of Madurai Division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms. This station was developed under Adarsh Station Scheme during 2011-12 &amp; all the prescribed amenities have been provided. Minor deficiencies if any would be made good.</p>

	<b>(vi) Request to post Booking Clerk with Reservation facility Tenkasi constituency especially in Pavorchatram</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Pavorchatram is NSG 6 category station and I-UTS facility has already been provided to proliferate both reserved and unreserved tickets.
<b>22.0</b>	<b>Request to provide Coach Indication boards on platform at Tenkasi and Sengottai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Tender for Provision, operation and Maintenance of Coach indication Boards at TSI, SCT floated on 04.08.2021 opened on 31.08.2021- No bid received. Tender called for second time on 06.09.2021 for the above and opened on 30.09.2021 for which also, no response received. However, manual board has been provided at Tenkasi and Sengottai railway stations for the convenience of the passengers. Coach position is being announced with frequent interval. Again, tender is under process for the provision of Coach indication boards at TSI and TSI as recommended by Hon'ble MP.
<b>23.0</b>	<b>Request for Lift &amp; Escalators to facilitate old age, disabled persons, etc. in Tenkasi Parliament constituency railway stations.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>Lift</u></b> Provision of Lift is sanctioned for Sencottai-2 Nos., Rajapalayam-2 Nos. and Sanakarankoil-01 No. and work is under progress. Further provision of Lifts will be done based on Techno-Economic feasibility for the Railway Stations in this constituency  <b><u>Escalators:</u></b> As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator at station in 25,000 per day. Hence both stations are not eligible for provision of escalators.
<b>24.0</b>	<b>Request to expedite Kanniyakumari-Ramanathapuram-Karaikudi East Coast Railway line</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> There is no sanction by Railway Board for a new East Coast Railway line between Kanniyakumari – Ramanathapuram – Karaikudi.
<b>25.0</b>	<b>Request to approve Sengottai-Punalur Section electrification and speed up Tenkasi-Virudhunagar and Tenkasi-Tirunelveli Section Electrification works.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> (i) For Virudhunagar-Tenkasi section work is in progress and targeted to complete the work by March 2023. (ii) For Virudhunagar-Tenkasi section commission of Cholapuram Traction Sub section Cholapuram TSS is essential.

	<p><b><u>For Cholapuram TSS:</u></b> Shifting of Rajapalayam Traction Sub Station from originally proposed location within Rajapalayam yard premises to elsewhere for facilitating future amenities at Rajapalayam Station. Accordingly, the Traction Sub Station was shifted to Cholapuram closed Railway station by concerned authority and work has been commenced at Cholapuram site. Further Superintending Engineer/ TANGEDCO/ Virudhunagar is yet to provide the revised estimate for the 110kV incoming supply for which the cost will be adjusted with payment made earlier towards Rajapalayam/Traction Sub station incoming supply Estimate provided by TANGEDCO.</p> <p>(iii) As part of Electrification one Road Over Bridge at Virudunagar (Br. No.2A at km 541) is having lesser headroom clearance of 4.59m for which re-building is required. National Highways has been approached for –re-construction. The work needs to be expedited for early completion of Virudunagar-Tenkasi Section.</p>																																	
<b>26.0</b>	<b>Request to expedite Rajapalayam Rail Over Bridge</b>																																	
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> LC 449 in Virunagar Tenkasi section – Railway portion works completed. State Government portion of work is pending due to land acquisition.</p>																																	
<b>27.0</b>	<b>Request to provide list of approved works at locations within the Tirunelveli and Tenkasi constituency with status and target date of completion</b>																																	
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8.	Sengottai	Provision of Lift in PF No.1&2	70.40	Indent under process.
9.	Sankaran Kovil	Provision of Lift in PF No.1	35.20	
10.	Rajapalayam	Provision of Lift in PF No.1&2	70.40	
11.	Kizhapuliyur & Mettur	Construction of PF Toilet	15	Work is in Progress TDC 28.02.2022
12.	Kilakadayam, Mettur, Pavorchatram, Kadayanallur, Pambakovil-shandy Sankarankovil	Construction of Toilet for disabled	20	Work is in progress TDC 31.12.2021.

Details For ROB/RUBs is furnished as **Annexure-I** & details For Subways is furnished as **Annexure-II**.

**28.0 Request to restart Pavorchatram ROB works**

**Response:**

LC 83 is in Tirunelveli – Tenkasi Section. The proposed ROB is with 4 lanes. In that 2 lanes are on Cost sharing basis for which estimate has been sanctioned and tenders will be called shortly. The other 2 lanes are being done on Deposit terms by Tamilnadu Road Sector Project(TNRSP) for which detailed estimate is under process. After deposit of funds by TNRSP, tenders will be called.

**29.0 Request to construct MEMU shed in Tirunelveli**

**Response:**

At present SR has MEMU maintenance sheds available at Palakkad junction, Kollam Jn and Avadi which are well taking care of the service requirements. Hence a new MEMU shed at TEN is not operationally required.

**30.0 Request to increase platform height at Srivilliputhur and Pambakovil Shandy and speed up foot over bridge works.**

**Response:**

Srivilliputtur is a NSG5 Category station. Raising of platform at this Station is in progress TDC 31.01.2022 and thereafter Foot over Bridge will also be provided in due course.



31.0	<b>Request of current position of survey for railway track from Kanniyakumari-Karaikudi, Tirunelveli-Sankarancoil and Aloor from Sengottai area</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>Kanyakumari – Karaikkudi:</b> There is no sanction by Railway Board.</p> <p>b) <b>Tirunelveli – Sankarankovil:</b> (77.41 km) Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new Railway line between Tirunelveli and Sankarankovil via Pudur, Sendamaram, Surandai was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 30/06/2016. Abstract Cash Value: Rs.655.84 Cr. ROR is (-) 12.662%. Railway Board has shelved the Project.</p> <p>c) <b>Aloor–Chettikulam Railway Line (20.50 km):</b> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new Railway line between Aloor, Nagercoil and Chettikulam was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 31/08/2016. Abstract Cash Value: Rs.293.35 Cr. ROR is (-) 8.038%. Railway Board has shelved the Project.</p>
32.0	<b>Request to establish Coaching depot and pit line at Sengottai</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>At present, the maintenance facilities available at Tirunelveli Jn. &amp; Tuticorin cater to the traffic needs of Sengottai area adequately. There is no operational need for provision of a pit line at Sengottai as of now.</p>
33.0	<b>Request to set up new Electrical locomotive factory in Nanguneri.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>There are four facilities for manufacture of Electric Loco Motives which are sufficient to cater to the requirement at present and future.</p>

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STATUS OF COST SHARING ROB WORKS UNDER TIRUNELVELI AND TENKASI CONSTITUENCIES								Annexure-I
SN	Year of Sanction	Name of Constituency	LC No.	Name of Work	Railway Share (in Cr)	State Share (in Cr)	Current Satus of the work	Target Date of Completion of work
1	2012-13	Tirunelveli	6	MDU Divn - ROB in lieu of LC No.6 at Km.6/500-600 in between Palayankottai and Seydunganallur stations.	21.1211	21.1164	<b>Railway Portion:</b> Foundation completed. RCC Columns in progress. <b>Highways portion :</b> For ROB - 7/9 decks completed. Adjacent span near Railway span can be commenced only after completion of Railway Span by Railways. Tender for balance work under scrutiny	Target date not yet decided By Highways Department
2	2015-16	Tenkasi	83	MDU Divn: Pro 2L ROB in lieu of LC No. 83 at Km. 90/600-700 in bet Pavurchutram and Tenkasi Jn. Rly Stns	18.9879	18.9879	<b>Railway portion:</b> GAD with 4 lanes. 2L ROB will be on cost sharing and Railway portion to be executed by Railways & Approaches by TNRSP. Estimate sanctioned. Other 2 lane ROB is on Deposit terms will be executed by TNRSP. <b>Highways Portion:</b> Retender to be called. <b>Railway Portion: Work completed during September-21</b>	Target date not yet decided By Highways Department
3	2015-16	Tenkasi	449	MDU Divn: Pro 2L ROB in lieu of LC No. 449 at Km. 591/900-592/000 in bet Rajapalayam and Sankarankovil Rly Stns	18.8038	19.9559	<b>Highways portion:</b> 8/22 Deck slab completed.LA under process for balance portion.	Target date not yet decided By Highways Department
4	2019-20	Tirunelveli	4	Pro 2L ROB in lieu of LC No.4 at km 4/500-600 between Seydunganallur and Tirunelveli stns	14.4441	14.4441	GAD approved during October 2021	Target date not yet decided By Highways Department
<b>Total Cost</b>					<b>73.3569</b>	<b>74.5043</b>		

**List of Subway works sanctioned under Tirunelveli and Tenkasi Constituency**

**Annexure-II**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of Constituency</b>	<b>Name of MP</b>	<b>LC No</b>	<b>Name of work</b>	<b>Current status</b>	<b>Target Date of Completion</b>
1	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	471	MDU division: Proposed LUS in lieu of LC No.471 in VPT-TSI section	Subway commissioned in Oct-2016	Work Completed
2	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	496	MDU division: Proposed LUS in lieu of LC No.496 in VPT-TSI section	Subway commissioned in Mar-2017	Work Completed
3	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	416	MDU division: Proposed LUS in lieu of LC No.416 in VPT-TSI section	Subway commissioned	Work Completed
4	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	470	MDU division: Proposed LUS in lieu of LC No.470 in VPT-TSI section	Subway commissioned	Work Completed
5	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	73B	MDU division: Proposed LUS i lieu of LC No.73B in TEN-SCTsection	Subway commissioned in Feb-2018	Work Completed
6	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	75	MDU division: Proposed LUS i lieu of LC No.75 in TEN-SCTsection	Subway Commissioned in Nov 2020	Work Completed
7	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	87	MDU division: Proposed LUS i lieu of LC No.87 in TEN-SCTsection	Subway commissioned in Jul-2020	Work Completed
8	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	494	MDU division: Proposed LUS i lieu of LC No.494 in VPT-SCTsection	Subway commissioned	Work Completed
9	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	504	MDU division: Proposed LUS i lieu of LC No.504in VPT-SCTsection	Subway commissioned in Feb-2018	Work Completed
10	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	452	MDU division: Proposed LUS i lieu of LC No.452 in VPT-SCTsection	LC Closed by Outright closure	Outright Closure
11	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	463	MDU division: Proposed LUS i lieu of LC No.463 in VPT-SCTsection	LC Closed by Outright closure	Outright Closure
12	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	11	MDU division: Proposed LUS in lieu of LC No. 11 at km17/500-600 between	Subway commissioned in May-2019	Work Completed
13	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	7	MDU division: Proposed LUS i lieu of LC No.7 in TEN-TCN section	Subway commissioned in Jan-2018	Work Completed
14	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	111	Thiruvanathapuram Division - proposed LUS in lieu of LC No.111 @ km: 350/12-	Not feasible due to presence of tank bund and paddy fields	Not feasible

15	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	112	Thiruvananthapuram Division - proposed LUS in lieu of LC No.112 @ km:350/28-	Not feasible due to presence of tank bund and paddy fields	Not feasible
16	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	16	Madurai Division- Proposed LUS in lieu of LC No.16 @ KM:25/200-300 between	To be executed by CN under RVNL	Doubling work
17	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	431	Madurai Division- Proposed LUS in lieu of LC No.431 @ KM:579/300-400	Work in progress by CN under RVNL Doubling fund	Doubling work
18	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	105	TVC Division-Proposed Subway in lieu of LC No.105 at Km 343/935 of NCJ-	GAD under preparation	Next year target
19	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	108	TVC Division-Proposed Subway in lieu of LC No.108 at Km 347/264 of NCJ-	Not feasible due to presence of tank bund and paddy fields	Not feasible
20	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	110	TVC Division-Proposed Subway in lieu of LC No.110 at Km 349/008 of NCJ-	Not feasible due to presence of tank bund and paddy fields	Not feasible
21	Tenkasi	Dhanush M. Kumar	439	Virudunagar - Tenkasi Section :- Elimination of Level crossings by	Subway commissioned in Nov-2016	Work Completed
22	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	37	MDU division: TEN-TSI section - Elimination of UMLC No.37 at km 44/0-	Box inserted. Approach work in progress	Dec-21
23	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	454	VPT-SCT section - Provision of LUS(4.5x3.6m) at LC No.454 at	LOA issued	Next year target
24	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	93	TVC Division - NCJ-TEN Section - Proposed Subway in lieu of LC No.93 at	District Collector refused Approval for Subway.	Next year target
25	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	99	TVC Division - NCJ-TEN Section - Proposed Subway in lieu of LC No.99 at	District Collector refused Approval for Subway.	Next year target
26	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	100	TVC Division - NCJ-TEN Section - Proposed Subway in lieu of LC No.100	District Collector refused Approval for Subway.	Next year target
27	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	77	Proposed Subway in lieu of LC No.77 at km315/922 bet.Arulvaymoli and alliyur stations	Not feasible due to presence of tank bund and paddy fields nearby which is prone to flooding	Not feasible
28	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	79	Proposed Subway in lieu of LC No.79 at km.317/947 between Arulvaymoli and	Awaiting Collector approval	Next year target
29	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	9	UM LC No.9 at Km.11/500-600 in TEN-SDNR stations	Work completed during June-19	Work Completed
30	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	20	UM LC No.20 at Km.24/200-300 in TEN-SDNR stations	LC eliminated by Dvn	Outright Closure

31	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	31	UM LC No.31 at Km.37/12-13 in TEN-SMD stations	LC eliminated. Subway commissioned in Jun'18	Work Completed
32	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	31	UM LC No.31 at Km.37/300-400 in SVV-NZT stations	LC eliminated by Dvn	Outright Closure
33	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	34	UM LC No.34 at Km.40/14-15 in TEN-SMD stations	Work completed Mar-18. LC closed	Work Completed
34	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	39	UM LC No.39 at Km.46/13-14 in TEN-SMD stations	MDU Division completed for diversion	Diversion
35	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	42	UM LC No.42 at Km.49/9-10 in SMD-ASD stations	LC eliminated, Outrightly closed by division	Outright Closure
36	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	45	UM LC No.45 at Km.51/15-52/1 in SMD-ASD stations	LC eliminated. Subway commissioned in Jun'18	Work Completed
37	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	46	UM LC No.46 at Km.52/10-11 in SMD-ASD stations	Work completed and commissioned during July-18	Work Completed
38	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	49	UM LC No.49 at Km.54/13-14 in SMD-ASD stations	Outrightly closed by division	Outright Closure
39	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	62	UM LC No.62 at Km.67/2-3 in ASD-KKY stations	LUS commissioned LC eliminated in May-18	Work Completed
40	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	63	UM LC No.63 at Km.68/10-11 in ASD-KKY stations	LUS commissioned LC eliminated in May-18	Work Completed
41	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	66	UM LC No.66 at Km.73/7-8 in ASD-KKY stations	Work completed and commissioned during July-18	Work Completed
42	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	69	UM LC No.69 at Km.76/8-9 in ASD-KKY stations	Manning by MDU Dvn.	Retained as Manned LC
43	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	78	UM LC No.78 at Km.86/12-13 in MTE-PCM stations	Diversion by division.	Diversion
44	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	85	UM LC No.85 at Km.94/1-2 in PCM-TSI stations	Diversion by division.	Diversion
45	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	455	UM LC No.455 at Km.603/900-604/0 in RJPM-SNKL stations	Work completed in April 2018	Work Completed
46	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	457	UM LC No.457 at Km.607/200-300 in RJPM-SNKL stations	Outrightly closed by division	Outright Closure

47	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	459	UM LC No.459 at Km.610/500-600 in RJPM-SNKL stations	Work completed in April 2018	Work Completed
48	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	465	UM LC No.465 at Km.616/500-600 in RJPM-SNKL stations	LUS commissioned LC eliminated in May-18	Work Completed
49	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	467	UM LC No.467 at Km.617/500-600 in RJPM-SNKL stations	Outrightly closed by division	Outright Closure
50	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	478	UM LC No.478 at Km.625/5-6 in SNKL-PBKS stations	Work completed and commissioned during July-18	Work Completed
51	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	479	UM LC No.479 at Km.627/5-6 in SNKL-PBKS stations	Work completed during Feb-18	Work Completed
52	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	483	UM LC No.483 at Km.634/300-400 in PBKS-KDNL stations	Work completed in April 2018	Work Completed
53	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	487	UM LC No.487 at Km.638/700-800 in KDNL-TSI stations	LUS commissioned LC eliminated in May-18	Work Completed
54	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	488	UM LC No.488 at Km.641/100-200 in KDNL-TSI stations	Work completed during Aug-18	Work Completed
55	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	489	UM LC No.489 at Km.643/200-300 in PBKS-KDNL stations	Not feasible. Located in cutting. Division done by diversion	Diversion
56	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	13	UM LC No.13 at Km.20/0-100 in MEJ-TEN section	Outrightly closed by division	Outright Closure
57	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	15	UM LC No.15 at Km.24/700-800 in MEJ-TEN section	Not feasible as NH is running parallel to track. Approach road	Outright Closure
58	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	68	UM LC No.68 at Km.76/3-4 in TEN-TSI section	LC closed Subway commissioned Jun'18	Work Completed
59	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	84	UM LC No.84 at Km.91/7-8 in TEN-TSI section	LC closed Subway commissioned Jun'18	Work Completed
60	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	436	UM LC No.436 at Km.575/800-900 in VPT-TSI section	Not feasible and retained as Manned LC.	Not feasible
61	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	438	UM LC No.438 at Km.577/800-900 in VPT-TSI section	LC eliminated, Outrightly closed by division	Outright Closure
62	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	443	UM LC No.443 at Km.583/100-200 in VPT-TSI section	Work completed during Aug-18	Work Completed

63	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	465	UM LC No.465 at Km.619/100-200 in VPT-MEJ section	LC eliminated, Outrightly closed by division	Outright Closure
64	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	481	UM LC No.481 at Km.631/16-632/1 in VPT-TSI section	Work completed and commissioned during July-18	Work Completed
65	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	486	UM LC No.486 at Km.636/800-900 in VPT-TSI section	Subway Commissioned	Work Completed
66	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	508	Limited height subway in lieu of LC No.508 in SCT-PUU section @	Work completed during GC works	Work Completed
67	Tirunelveli	S.Gnanathiraviam	56	Limited height subway in lieu of LC No.56 in TEN-TSI section @ Km.60/500-	Not feasible and retained as Manned LC.	Not feasible
68	Tenkasi	Dhanush.M. Kumar	61	Limited height subway in lieu of LC No.61 in TEN-TSI section @ Km.65/700-	Bank height 0.5m.Not feasible, Manning by MDU Dvn.	Not feasible

**GM's Meeting with Hon'ble MPs of the region served by  
Madurai Division on 18.11.2021**

	<b>Shri S. Gnanathiraviam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tirunelveli Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>(i) Improvement of all passenger amenities in Tirunelveli Station (ii) Request to arrange Lift &amp; Escalators</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator at station is 25,000 per day. Hence Tirunelveli Jn., only eligible for provision of Escalators in this constituency. At present Two Escalators and Two lifts are available in Tirunelveli Station and one No. of Lift installation under progress. Further provision of Lifts will be done based on Techno- Economic feasibility for the Railway Stations in this constituency.</p> <p>There are around 19 Railway Stations situated in Tirunelveli Parliamentary Constituency. All the Stations have been provided with Minimum Essential Amenities as per Board's norms, except to the following items indicated against each Station.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ambasamundram (NSG5) - 1 Water cooler</li> <li>2. Gangaikondan (NSG6) - 50 Sqm shelter</li> <li>3. Karaikkurichchi (HG2) - FOB</li> <li>4. Kizha Ambur (HG2) – FOB</li> <li>5. Kllidaikurichi (NSG6) – FOB</li> <li>6. Kilakadaiyam (NSG6) - Nil</li> <li>7. Mettur (NSG6) – FOB</li> <li>8. Palayamkottai (NSG6) – FOB</li> <li>9. Pettai (NSG6) – FOB</li> <li>10. Ravansamudram (NSG6) - FOB</li> <li>11. Talaiyuthu (NSG6) – 100 Sqm shelter &amp; FOB</li> <li>12. Tirunelveli Jn. (NSG3) – 1 Water Cooler</li> <li>13. Thathankulam (NSG6) – 6 sqm shelter &amp; FOB</li> <li>14. Tirunelveli Town (NSG6) – FOB</li> <li>15. Kavalkinaru (HG3) – 1 Water Tap &amp; FOB</li> <li>16. Melappalayam (HG3) – FOB</li> <li>17. North Panakudi (NSG6) – 2 Water Taps &amp; FOB</li> <li>18. Sengulam (NSG6) - 1 Urinal &amp; FOB</li> <li>19. Valliyur (NSG5) – 2 Urinals &amp; 1 water cooler</li> </ol> <p>While the short fall in FOB will be complied in phased manner as per availability of funds being a cost intensive and a long-lead item, other items of short-fall will be made good early.</p> <p>a) Tirunelveli Parliamentary constituency comprises stations like Tirunelveli, Tirunelveli Town, Pettai, CheranMahadevi, Karaikurichi, Viravanallur, Kallidaikurichi, Ambasamudram, Palayamkottai, Thalayuthu &amp; Gangaigondan. All the above stations will be ensured to</p>



	<p>be provided with all Minimum Essential Amenities (MEAs) as per the norms by giving top priority. After Tirunelveli yard remodeling work in connection with doubling works, following facilities will be available at Tirunelveli.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tirunelveli station will be proposed as full-fledged Coaching terminal.</li> <li>➤ Two additional passenger platform lines will be available.</li> <li>➤ Goods shed will be shifted to Gangaikondan.</li> <li>➤ Goods pavement area will be converted as High level passenger PF (Island PF).</li> <li>➤ Four trains can be received simultaneously from four directions.</li> <li>➤ 7 Passenger platform will be available</li> <li>➤ 7 Stabling lines will be available.</li> <li>➤ 3 pit lines will be available</li> </ul> <p>Lift facility at Tirunelveli is provided for PF 1 and PF 2/3. It is under construction for PF 4/5. Escalator at Tirunelveli is provided for PF1 and PF 2/3. Provision of Lift / Escalator facility will be provided upto NSG3 category stations.</p>
<p><b>2.0</b></p>	<p><b>Request to modernise and expand Tirunelveli Railway Station with full AC like Bangalore and Gandhinagar in Gujarat State</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Tirunelveli Station has been identified by Railway Board for Station Redevelopment and it is in the preliminary stage of planning. Under this redevelopment scheme, Tirunelveli Station is likely to be developed at par with other re-developed Stations. Multi-level parking will be planned under Station Redevelopment Scheme as per feasibility.</p>
<p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>Request to speed up Madurai-Nagercoil doubling Railway line and Electrical Works</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> <b>Madurai – Vanchi Maniyachchi section</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thitumangalam - Tulukapatti section has already been commissioned.</li> <li>2. Tulupatti - Kovilpatti section TDC December 2021.</li> <li>3. Kovipatti – Vanchi Maniyachchi section TDC March 2023.</li> <li>4. Vanchi – Tirunelveli Junction has already been Commission.</li> <li>5. Valliyur – Aralvaimozhi section TDC February 2022.</li> <li>6. Tirunelveli – Valliyur and Aralvaimozhi - Nagarkoil section TDC March 2023.</li> </ol> <p>The doubling involved land acquisition at Madurai, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari with the help of State Government Officials.</p>

4.0	<b>Request for provision of stoppage of Train No.06791/06792 (16791/16792) Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi Express in both directions of Kizhakadaiyam and Pavuchatram stations</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Stoppage for T. No. 06792 Palakkad - Tirunelveli Palaruvi Express at Kilakadaiyam and in the return direction, for T. No. 06791 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi Express at Pavurchatram have been eliminated as they were poorly patronised night stoppages
5.0	<b>Request for extension of Madurai-Chennai Egmore Tejas Express 22671/22672 to Tirunelveli</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Extension of T.No.22671/22672 Chennai Egmore- Madurai – Chennai Egmore Tejas Express up to Tirunelveli is operationally not feasible as the lie over time available at Madurai is 2 hours 45 minutes which is insufficient for extension to Tirunelveli.
6.0	<b>Request for change of Train Timings of 16791 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Express</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Train No.16791 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi Express is a commuter train in Kottayam – Ernakulam – Trissur section and hence it is not feasible to advance its departure time from Tirunelveli.
7.0	<b>Request to resume passenger services from Tirunelveli to Sengottai, Tiruchendur, Tuticorin, Madurai and Mayiladuthurai</b>
	<b>Response:</b> The following unreserved express specials from Tirunelveli have been notified.  1. Train No. 06685/06686 Tirunelveli-Scencotta (w.e.f 10.11.21)  2. T.No 06668/06667 Tirunelveli-Thutukudi Scencotta (w.e.f 08.11.21)  3. Train No. 06674/06677 Tiruchendur–Tirunelveli Scencotta (w.e.f 10.11.21)  The other passenger trains will be re-introduced in a phased manner.
8.0	<b>Request to develop Nanguneri Railway Station which is Tirunelveli-Nagercoil line for Arumigu Sree Vanamamalai Totatri Perumal Temple</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Nanguneri is a NSG5 category on Nagercoil – Tenkasi section of Trivandrum Division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided at this Station as per norms, except one water cooler. Additional

	passenger amenities will be considered as per relative need and availability of funds.
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce a weekly train from Tirunelveli to Tambaram via Tenkasi</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Timings for a new Tri- weekly train between Tambaram – Sengottai via Tirunelveli and Tenkasi has been finalised in the IRTTC 2021.
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce any one of the following Railway Board approved trains.</b> i. Tirunelveli-Tambaram Weekly via Tenkasi ii. Extension of 22631/22632 Madurai-Bikaner Express to Tirunelveli iii. Extension of Thiruvananthapuram-Mangalore Express to Tirunelveli iv. Request for Sengottai-Tambaram Antyodaya Express daily v. Extension of 56365/56366 Guruvayur-Punalur daily express to Madurai vi. Extension of 12759/12760 Tambaram-Hyderabad Express to Kanniyakuari via Tirunelveli vii. Extension of 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram-Madurai Express to Rameshwaram viii. Extension of 20601/20602 Madurai-Chennai Central tri weekly to Tirunelveli
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Proposals for trains which are being minuted in the IRTTC Meeting can be introduced only on issue of orders to that effect from Railway Board. None of the trains listed by the Hon'ble MP have been notified by Railway Board.
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request to extend any one of Villupuram-Tirupati upto Tirunelveli</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The trains operated between Villupuram and Tirupati are run in integrated links with other trains and the lie-over time available is insufficient for its extension to Tirunelveli as suggested.
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Request to operate of 15905/15906 CAPE - Dibrugarh Express and Short Termination of Train at Thiruvananthapuram/ Kochuveli.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Diversion of this train will deprive the existing users in Western Tamilnadu (Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, Salem etc) of connectivity to the Northern East. Hence it is not feasible to divert the train as suggested  Short termination of the above train at Thiruvananthapuram or Kochuveli will adversely affect the existing users at Nagercoil & CAPE.

<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of any one of Chennai – Hyderabad trains (12603/12604, 12759/12760 and 17651/17652) to Kanniyakumari</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 12760/59 Hyderabad – Tambaram – Hyderabad Express, Train No. 17652/51 Kacheguda – Chengalpattu – Kacheguda Express and Train No. 12604/12603 Hyderabad – MGR Chennai Central – Hyderabad Express run in integrated links. All these three trains are well patronized and the lie-over time available for these trains is not sufficient for their extension to Kanniyakumari.</p>
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request for increasing the frequency of Train No. 16339/16340 CSMT-NCJ (4 Days) Express as Daily.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 16339/16340 CSMT-NCJ (4 Days) Express is running in an integrated link with Train No. 16351/16352 CSMT-NCJ (Bi-Weekly) Express, Train No. 12665/12666 HWH-CAPE (Weekly) Express and Train No. 12641/12642 Kanniyakumari – Nizamuddin (Bi-Weekly) Express. Adequate lie over is not available in the link to enable increase in frequency of Nagercoil – Mumbai trains to daily.</p> <p>At present, the following services are available between Nagercoil and Mumbai:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Train No 16351/52 CSTM - NCJ Exp. (Bi-Wkly)</li> <li>2. Train No 16339/40 CSTM - NCJ Exp. (4 days a Week)</li> <li>3. Train No. 19577/78 Tirunelveli-Jamnagar Exp (Bi-Wkly) (via PANVEL)</li> <li>4. Train No. 19423/24 Tirunelveli-Gandhidham Humsafar Exp (Wkly) (via PANVEL)</li> <li>5. Train No. 16335/36 Gandhidham – Nagercoil Exp (Wkly) (via PANVEL)</li> </ol>
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce new weekly train between Tirunelveli and Sainagar Shirdi via Madurai, Hosur, Bangalore, Guntakal, Wadi, Daund and Ahmednagar</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Request to swap Balaramapuram (BRAM) to Kanyakumari &amp; Nagercoil to Tirunelveli to Madurai Division and Sengottai(Excl.)-Punalur-Kollam line to Thiruvananthapuram Division</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Jurisdiction of Railway divisions are decided on operational consideration and not based on state boundaries.</p>

<b>17.0</b>	<b>Request to provide lift facility in Tirunelveli and Valliour Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  <b><u>Tirunelveli:</u></b>  At present Two Escalators are available in TEN station each one at PF 1, PF 2&amp;3 and are being operated in both UP/DOWN direction according to the need. In addition to this TWO lifts are available at the other end of PF 1, PF 2&amp;3. Provision of 1 No. of Lift at PF4&amp;5 is under progress. Further provision of Lift will be done based on Techno Economic feasibility.</p> <p><b><u>Vallivur:</u></b>  Provision of lift will be done based on Techno- economic feasibility.</p> <p>At Tirunelveli, lift facility has been provided in PF 1 and PF 2/3. Provision of Lift for PF 4/5 is under construction.</p>
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request to replace 56311/56316 Trivandrum – Nagercoil Passenger to MEMU and extend up to Tirunelveli.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Conventional Passenger trains are being progressively replaced by MEMUs.</p> <p>T. No. 56311/56316 Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil Passenger is run in an integrated link with other passenger trains. Hence, extension of this train to Tirunelveli is not feasible.</p>
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Request for Tirunelveli-Yesvantpur Janshatabdi daily train</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 12089/12090 SBC – SMET Jan Shatabdi Express has a lie over time of 7 hrs 25 minutes at SBC which is insufficient for operating a train between Bengaluru and Tirunelveli as suggested.</p>
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request to set up new Electrical Locomotive Factory in Nanguneri (Tirunelveli District)</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  There are four facilities for manufacture of Electric locomotive which are sufficient to cater the requirement at present and future</p>
<b>21.0</b>	<b>Request for regularisation of the Sunday Special train between Tirunelveli and Chennai via TSI, NCJ</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Special trains are operated during the festival seasons and summer &amp; winter seasons to clear extra rush based on commercial justification and operational feasibility</p>

22.0	<b>Request to operate Nagercoil-Coimbatore (22668-22667) and Mangalore-Coimbatore(22610/22609) as a single train as Nagercoil-Mangalore</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 22609/22610 CBE – MAQ Express is an intercity express and Train No. 22667/22668 is an overnight train with different composition running in integrated link with other trains.</p> <p>The timings of the above trains are detailed below:-</p> <p>T.No.02667 NCJ -CBE Exp (22667) NCJ dep 21.45 CBE arri 07.15  T.No.02668 CBE -NCJ Exp (22668) CBE dep 19.30 NCJ arri 05.05</p> <p>T.No.06190 CBE -MAQ Exp (22609) CBE dep 06.00 MAQ arri 13.15  T.No.06189 MAQ- CBE Exp (22610) MAQ dep 11.05 CBE arri 18.20</p> <p>It is not feasible to club these trains as there is mismatch in timings.</p>
23.0	<b>Request to club Train Nos.12667/12668 Nagercoil – Chennai Egmore &amp; 22663/22664 Chennai Egmore - Jodhpur Weekly express and operate Kanniyakumari – Jodhpur weekly express via. Tirunelveli.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 22663/22664 MS-JU – MS (W) Express and Train No. 12667/12668 MS – NCJ -MS(W) Express run in an integrated link with primary maintenance at Chennai Egmore.</p> <p>The timings of the trains are as under:</p> <p>T.No.22664 JU -MS Exp - JU dep 23.55 (Mon) MS arri 16.10 (Wed)  T.No.22663 MS -JU Exp - MS dep 15.30 (Sat) JU arri 08.00 (Mon)</p> <p>T.No.12667 MS -NCJ Exp - MS dep 18.55 (Thu) NCJ arri 07.30 (Fri)  T.No.12668 NCJ- MS Exp - NCJ dep 16.15 (Fri) MS arri 04.40 (Sat)</p> <p>Due to mismatch in timings the proposal is not feasible.</p>
24.0	<b>Request to operate Train No. 16191/16192 Tambaram – Nagercoil Antyodaya express as superfast train and change the timing of the train so as to reach NCJ around 8.00 hrs and in the return direction to Tambaram before 6.00.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 06192 Nagercoil - Tambaram Special has been speeded up by 100 minutes and now the train reaches Tambaram at 05.50 Hrs. Due to path constraints in the single line stretches between Villupuram and Thanjavur and between Madurai and Vanchimaniachi, it is not feasible to speed up Train No. 06191 Tambaram – Nagercoil Special.</p>

25.0	<b>Request for MEMU Shed at Tirunelveli</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present SR has MEMU maintenance sheds available at Palakkad junction, Kollam Jn and Avadi which are well taking care of the service requirements. Hence a new MEMU shed at TEN is not operationally required.</p>
26.0	<b>Request for review, update &amp; status of electrification of Tirunelveli-Kollam and Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur railway line</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>Electrification of Tirunelveli-Kollam section</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tirunelveli – Schenkottah: Work in progress and TDC December 2022.</li> <li>2. Schenkottah to Punalur: There is no Railway Board sanction available.</li> <li>3. Punalur – Kollam: Work in progress and TDC March 2022.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Electrification of Tirunelveli - Tiruchendur section</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tirunelveli – Tiruchendur work in progress and TDC September 2022.</li> </ol>
27.0	<b>Request to establish Coaching Depot and Pit line facility at Tiruchendur and Sengottai.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present, the maintenance facilities available at Tirunelveli Jn &amp; Tuticorin. cater to the traffic needs of Tiruchendur and Sengottai area adequately. There is no operational need for provision of pit line at Tiruchendur and Sengottai as of now.</p>
28.0	<p><b>Request to provide stoppages of following trains at Valliyur and Nanguneri</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Train No.12641/12642 Thirukkural SF Express</li> <li>(ii) Train No.12665/12666 Howrah-Kaniyakumari Superfast Express</li> <li>(iii) Train No.22657/22658 Nagercoil-Tambaram</li> <li>(iv) Train No.12689/12690 Nagercoil-Chennai Central</li> <li>(v) Train No.19577/19578 Tirunelveli-Jamnagar Express</li> </ol>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present, 31 Mail/Express trains and 2 passenger trains are booked to stop at Valliyur station. There is no commercial justification for stoppage of more trains at Valliyur.</p> <p>At present, 8 Mail/Express trains and 2 passenger trains are booked to stop at Nanguneri station. There is no commercial justification for stoppage of more trains at Nanguneri.</p>

29.0	<b>Request to extend the 16338/16337 Ernakulam – Okha Bi weekly train to Tuticorin via. Sengottai to serve the Tenkasi, Tirunelveli and Tuticorin Districts</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16337/38 Okha – Ernakulam (Bi-Weekly) Express runs in an integrated link with Train No. 12683/84 ERS – BAND (Bi-Wkly) Express with primary maintenance at ERS. Hence, it is not feasible to extend this train to Tuticorin as suggested.</p>
30.0	<b>Request to upgrade Train Nos.16105/16106 (Tiruchendur-Chennai Egmore) Chendur Express to superfast category duly allocating Modern brand new LHB coaches.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> In the ZBTT exercise Train No.16106 Tiruchendur-Chennai Egmore express has been speedup by 65 minutes.</p> <p>Due to path constraints in the single line stretch between Villupuram and Thanjavur it is not feasible to further speed up the train and convert to superfast.</p> <p>ICF rakes are being progressively replaced with LHB rakes.</p>
31.0	<b>Request to upgrade Train Nos.16723/16724 (Chennai Egmore-Kollam Ananthapuri Express) to superfast category with revised timings duly allocating Modern brand new LHB coaches.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> In the ZBTT exercise Train No.16723 Chennai Egmore-Kollam Ananthapuri Express speeded up by 25 minutes and similiary in the return direction it is also speeded up by 25 minutes.</p> <p>Converting Train No. 16723/24 Ananthapuri Express to superfast requires elimination of some the stoppages which may not be acceptable to some users.</p> <p>ICF rakes are being progressively replaced with LHB rakes</p>
32.0	<b>Request to extend of Quilon – Kanniyakumari MEMU train to Tuticorin to serve the Tirunelveli and Tuticorin Districts.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The lie-over time available at CAPE for Train no. 66304/66305 QLN – CAPE MEMU is only 70 minutes which is not sufficient for extension to Tuticorin.</p>



<b>33.0</b>	<b>Request to start shifting of Good shed from Nagercoil Junction to Panakudi Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The existing Goods shed is very nearer to the warehouse of FCI/Civil supplies.</p> <p>NPK is a three line station and doubling work is in progress. Hence, shifting of Goods shed to north Panakudi Railway station, is not feasible at present.</p>
<b>34.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Kochuveli – LokmanyaTilak 22114/22113 to Tirunelveli.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The lie-over time available for Train No. 22113/22114 LokmanyaTilak (T) – Kochuveli (BW) Express is 4 hrs 10 minutes which is insufficient for its extension to Tirunelveli.</p>
<b>35.0</b>	<b><u>MADURAI-NAGERCOIL DOUBLING PROJECT</u></b>
	<b>(i) Complete the doubling project within the specified time period.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> <b>Madurai – Nagarcoil section</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thitumangalam - Tulukapatti section has already been commissioned.</li> <li>2. Tulupatti - Kovilpatti section TDC December 2021.</li> <li>3. Kovipatti – Vanchi Maniyachchi section TDC March 2023.</li> <li>4. Vanchi – Tirunelveli Junction has already been Commission.</li> <li>5. Valliyur – Aralvaimozhi section TDC February 2022.</li> <li>6. Tirunelveli – Valliyur and Aralvaimozhi - Nagarkoil section TDC March 2023.</li> </ol> <p>The doubling involved land acquisition at Madurai, Virudhunagar, Thirunelveli and Kanyakumari with the help of State Government Officials.</p>
	<b>(ii) Provide automatic interlock facility in all the station in this route</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Interlocking of LC Gates is being done as per the Railway Safety norms.</p>
	<b>(iii) Provide more number of 4 line crossing station to avoid unnecessary delays due to crossing of trains or overtaking of trains.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Doubling of Madurai – Maniyachi – Tuticorin and VanchiManiyachi – Nagercoil sections is sanctioned and works are in progress. Once the Doubling project is completed trains will flow seamlessly, Direction-wise, and the need for overtaking will also be minimal. Accordingly, the Station layouts are finalized based on the Operational requirements</p>

	<b>(iv) Fixing all the prevailing technical defects</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Will be done as a part of maintenance work.
	<b>(v) Remove manned gates and make the same as ROB or RUB</b>
	<b>Response:</b> All the LCs are being closed as per the Railway Board Policy duly providing ROB or RUB based feasibility and with consultation of respective local authority.
	<b>(v) Remove all speed restrictions gradually</b>
	<b>Response:</b> The suggestions are noted and will be considered based on feasibility, Board Directives and sanction please.
	<b>(vi) This is the right time for remodeling and expanding Nagercoil and Tirunelveli station yard</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Remodeling of Nagercoil and Tirunelveli station yards are proposed to be undertaken as part of the ongoing Doubling project
	<b>(vii) Remodelling and expanding Nagercoil and Tirunelveli station yard</b>
	<b>(viii) Recommending RVNL to carry out Nageroil terminal expansion work and doubling work</b>
	<b>Response:</b> A part of doubling of track between Nagarcoil and Tiruneveli Station, the yard of Nagarcoil is being remodelled and additional facilities are created by RVNL and the work is in progress.
	<b>(ix) Ensure track designs suitable for the operation of High Speed Trains</b>
	<b>Response:</b> The suggestions are noted and will be considered based on feasibility, Board Directives and sanction please.
	<b>(x) Construction of railway station near Madurai AIMS Hospital</b>
	<b>Response:</b> The distance between the proposed Train Halt at Kappalur and Tirumangalam railway station is 3.6 km only  As per Railway Board circular (2017/TG-IV/2/RB/05/Halts Policy dated 18.11.2019), a halt station can be opened under GM's powers without

	referring such a case to Ministry of Railways for approval when the site of the proposed halt is at least 5 km in the non-suburban areas and 2 km in suburban area from the station / halts on either side. Hence it is not feasible to open a train halt station at Kappalur.
	<b>(xi) Make Aralvaimozhi to Nagercoil Town Stations and Nagercoil Junction to Aralvaimozhi separate two lines</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> It is proposed to provide double line connectivity between Aralvaimozhi to Nagercoil Jn and Nagercoil Town stations as part of ongoing VanchiManiyachi Jn.-Nagercoil Jn. Doubling project.
<b>36.0</b>	<b>Request for completion of LC No.6 on Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur line</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Commencement of Railway Portion of ROB work was held up due to delay in acquiring land. Now substructure work has been completed and materials procurement for girder fabrication and other work is in progress. It is planned to complete Railway Portion of Work by June 2022.
<b>37.0</b>	<b>Request to start LC No.4 at Kulavanigarpuram Railway Crossing on Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur Railway crossing</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Works sanctioned earlier was dropped as it was identified to be on NH. However, as the State Government requested to re-include the work since it is on abandoned NH, this work has been sanctioned again in Pink Book 2019-2020. General Arrangement Drawing has been approved 29/10/21. Work shall be taken up after the detailed estimate is sanctioned by both the Railways and State Government.

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	<b>Ms. S. Jothimani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Karur Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>A new Railway Under-bridge needs to be constructed to ensure safe crossing at Maravapalayam Gandhi Nagar, Vettamangalam Panchayat, Karur District.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Construction of an LUS is feasible if funds for the same are provided on Deposit terms.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Water Logging in the under-bridge rendering it unusable at Vellapparai, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The water logging problem at the location arose in year 2020 because the water way leading from the RUB (Road Under Bridge) was blocked by a quarry owner in the downstream. The person has since been warned and the obstruction has been removed and there is no water logging issue now. A retaining wall has also been built to ease the flow of water from under the RUB.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Railway Under-bridge constructed is very narrow for vehicles at Palayam, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Widening of RUB has to be taken up on deposit terms, if found feasible. Formal proposal received from State Government.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Water Logging in the under-bridge rendering it unusable at Subramaniyapuram, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Seepage of water has been prevented and any water logging is being pumped out regularly by Railways. Earthwork has also been done to prevent ingress of water into the LUS. Channeling arrangements have also been made to ensure that the pumped out water runs away from the LUS. Drainage arrangements have also been made at the entrances to prevent runoff water entering the LUS. There is no water logging problem at the location now.

5.0	<b>Water Logging in the under-bridge rendering it unusable at Puliampatti, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Seepage of water in to the LUS has been prevented and any rain water logging is being pumped out regularly by Railways. Earthwork has also been done to prevent ingress of water into the LUS. Channeling arrangements have also been made to ensure that the pumped out water runs away from the LUS. Drainage arrangements have also been made at the entrances to prevent runoff water entering the LUS. There is no water logging problem at the location now.</p>
6.0	<b>There is a closed well under the railway tracks which leads to water logging in multiple areas including the railway under bridge. This issue could lead to problems to the tracks and the public who want to cross at Eriyodu, Vedasanthur block, Dindigul District.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  During construction of LUS in lieu of LC no 23 in EDU Yard, as discussed well had to be filled up as it fell in the alignment of the LUS. There were seepage problems in the LUS which have been attended and an electrical pump has been provided in addition to the existing Diesel pump to be operated in case of water logging. There has been no water logging in the LUS since.</p>
7.0	<b>Water Logging in the under-bridge rendering it unusable at Laxmanapuram Thadikombu pirivu, Vadamadurai Block, Dindigul District.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The level of the State highway on the LH side about 120 meters away has been raised by Road authorities subsequent to construction of RUB due to which Rainwater enters in to the RUB. Water also ingresses from the sides of the approach roads. State Govt. authorities have to take action for regrading the approach road and building side walls on the approaches of the RUB on both sides for preventing ingress of water since it is outside Railway boundary.</p>
8.0	<b>Water Logging in the underpass making it unusable at Mayanur Panchayat, Krishnarayapuram block, Karur district</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The LUS was constructed in lieu of LC no 46 recently. Now an electrical water pump has been provided and dewatering done regularly by Railways. There is no water logging issue the location since.</p>

9.0	<b>To install lights and CCTV camera in the under-bridge. But water logging is a persistent problem at Thanthoni Block, Karur District.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The damaged portion of the roof cover of the LUS has been repaired. This LUS had a water logging issue in year 2020 because the adjoining land owner had done some earthwork in his land obstructing the natural flow of water. The same has been rectified and there is no water logging issue at the location now.</p>
10.0	<b>Water stagnation in the subway rendering it unusable at Manapparai Trichy Road, Trichy District.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>It is beyond 100m from Railway boundary. Works pertains to State Government.</p>
11.0	<b>Water Logging in Railway under-bridge rendering it unusable at Puthuvadi Panchayat Kumarampatti Road, Vaiyampatti Block, Trichy District.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Any modification received from State Government will be taken upon on deposit terms if found feasible.</p>
12.0	<b>Over Bridge between Manmangalam and Ellaimedu left incomplete by the contractor and road connecting the bridge is damaged at Vangal Kuppuchipalayam Panchayat, Manmangalam Taluk.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The location proposed is beyond 100m from Railway boundary. Works pertains to State. Govt. Authority.</p>
13.0	<b>Railway Under-bridge construction work not completed after years at Nallamannarkottai, Vedasanthur block.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>All the work pertaining to subway is now completed including provision of pump.</p>

14.0	<b>Railway Under-Bridge constructed in a way that is accident prone at Pudukottai, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The proposed location is subway is made in lieu of LC No.14. On left hand side approach road is branching and going parallel to the track. At branching location irrigation water channel is crossing the approach road. The katcha drain provided during constructing the subway is being paved with cement concrete now. This will permanently prevent the water entry into the subway. Hence, above location is not a accident prone area.</p>
15.0	<b>Requesting new trains:</b>
	<b>1. Passenger trains from Trichy and Dindigul to Manapparai</b>
	<b>2. Daytime Trains between Karur and Chennai</b>
	<b>3. Daytime Passenger trains between Karur and Coimbatore</b>
	<b>4. Passenger train from Trichy to Dindigul with a stop at Vaiyampatti station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
16.0	<b>Restoration of Stoppages:</b>
	<b>1. Pandiyan express (12637) at Manapparai Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response :</u></b>  Stoppage of T.No. 02637 Madurai – Chennai Egmore Exp Spl at Manapparai has been withdrawn as it is poorly patronized night stoppage.</p>
	<b>2. Palani Express (22651 &amp; 22652) at Palayam Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response :</u></b>  Stoppage of T.No.22651/22652 Chennai Central – Palakkad – Chennai Central Express at Palayam has been withdrawn as it is poorly patronized.</p>
	<b>3. Mangalore Express (16859 &amp; 16860) at Mahadhanapuram Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  There is not commercial justification for provision of stoppage for additional trains at Mahadhanapuram.</p>

17.0	<b>Requesting New Station at Mandaiyur to facilitate travel for students studying in IIM Trichy and Bharathidasan University.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Kumaramangalam and Keeranur are existing crossing stations in Tiruchchi – Karaikudi section. The inter-distance between Kumaramangalam and Keeranur is only 4 Kms. For opening a halt station in non-suburban areas the proposed halt should be atleast 5 kms. away from the adjacent halt/station.
18.0	<b>Resolving request made by the Water department Karur to lay pipes under Jal Jeevan Mission to Kathaparai village along railway chainage 81/100-81/200 near Kongu College.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The proposed location coming under cutting area from Km.79/479 to Km.83/016 between Mohanur and Karur Railway station. Hence, the proposed pipeline laying is not feasible. However, the authorities were advised to propose in nearby location at Km.79/300-400 or Km.83/050-200.

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	<b>Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tuticorin Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Palaruvi Express (Tirunelveli-Palakkad-Tirunelveli) upto Tuticorin</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The rake of T.No.16791/16792 Tirunelveli -- Palakkad Palaruvi Express undergoes primarily maintenance at Tirunelveli. Hence extension of this train to Tuticorin is not feasible.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to extend 'Lokmanya Tilak Express' (Train No.11043/11044) upto Tuticorin</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> T. No. 11043/11044 (New No. 22101 / 22102) Lokamanya Tilak Terminus - Madurai (Wkly) Express is the only train originating from Madurai for Mumbai. As per the occupancy data taken prior to the pandemic, this train showed utilization of berth to be as high as 122%. Extension of this train to Tuticorin will result in the reduction in availability of berths for the existing users of this facility.  However, T. No. 19567/19568 Tuticorin-Okha (Weekly) Express provides connectivity from Tuticorin to Mumbai area.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce New Express train between Chennai and Thoothukudi.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore, it is not feasible to introduce new trains between Chennai Egmore and Tuticorin.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request for stoppage of Tiruchendur Express at AlwarThirunagari</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Five pairs of passenger trains running in Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur section and one pair of Express train viz T. No. 16731/16732 Pollachi-Tiruchendur-Pollachi Express have been provided stoppage at AlwarTirunagari station. T.No.16105/16106 Chennai Egmore - Tiruchendur Express is stopping at Srivaikundam and Nazareth stations which are only 4.9 kms and 5.7 kms away from AlwarTirunagari respectively

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Extension and provision of stoppage of Train No.16352 &amp; 16351 (Mumbai-Nagercoil Express) at Tirupati</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  T.No. 16351/16352 Mumbai CST – Nagercoil Bi-Weekly Express was routed via Renigunta without touching Tirupati to avoid back tracking (from Renigunta to Tirupati and back to Renigunta) and loco reversals at Renigunta and Tirupati which were time consuming and delaying the train.</p> <p>Renigunta is only 10kms from Tirupati and is conveniently connected by road and rail.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request for increasing the height of platform and extension of platform for 21 coaches in Kayalpattinam Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Kayalpattinam (flag) is an ‘NSG6’ category station on Tirunelveli–Tiruchendur section of Madurai Division. The existing platform No. 1 is at medium level having 405 m length to hold the longest stopping train scheduled to stop at this station. Hence, as far as length of PF is concerned, no extension is required.</p> <p>With respect to Raising of Platform to high level, it is submitted that all the existing Rail and Medium Level PFs at higher category stations viz., ‘NSG1 to NSG4’ are proposed to be raised to High Level in a Phased Manner as per availability of sanction and funds. Raising of PFs to High Level at important Stations is also done. Hence, raising platform level at ‘NSG5 to NSG6’ category stations as well as Halt Stations will be taken up only after completion of raising of PFs at NSG1 to NSG4 categories (higher categories).</p> <p>At present, no sanction available for the work of Raising of Platform to High Level at Kayalpattinam station.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request for restoring the earlier arrangement of Connecting Link Trains from Thoothukkudi to Guruvayur Express and Nagercoil Express, rather than having a separate train for the purpose.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Link trains have been discontinued on the advise of Railway Board in the interest of safety. Further, Trains have been suitably scheduled to provide connectivity between Tuticorin and VanchiManiyachchi for the passengers travelling by Nagercoil - Coimbatore Express (T.No 22668/67 NCJ-CBE-NCJ Exp) and Chennai -Guruvayur Express</p> <p>Further T.No 12693/94 Pearl City Express provides connectivity between Tuticorin and Chennai.</p>

8.0	<b>Request to restoration of two stops Kadambur and VanchiManiyachi in the route of special train MS-QLN-MS Interstate Express which started to operate from 03.10.2020</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Stoppages at Kadambur and VanchiManiyachchi for T. No. 06723/06724 Chennai Egmore - Kollam – Chennai Egmore (Daily) Special has been withdrawn due to poor patronage.
9.0	<b>Request to construct a underpass for the for free vehicle movement</b>
	<b>(i) From Kovilpatti Lakshmi Mills gate to Ilayarasanendal Railway Board at Inam Maniyachi</b>
	<b>Response:</b> A subway has already been provided at Railway Km 588/800-900 in lieu of LC No.440 at Kovipatti Lakshmi Mills gate to Ilayarasanendal Railway Road at Inam Maniyachi
	<b>(ii) Dakshinamoorthy Street Railway line</b>
	<b>Response:</b> The request for subway is not in lieu of any level crossing but at a specific location. Subway at the above location is not feasible because of densely populated area. However from Dakshinamoorthy Street Railway line, RUB No.1616A is available at 380 m towards Madurai connecting to Tirunelveli Main Road.
	<b>(iii) Ramasamy das Park (Westside) Railway line</b>
	<b>Response:</b> The request for subway is not in lieu of any level crossing but at a specific location. Subway at the above location is also not feasible because of densely populated area. However from Ramsamy das park (west side) Railway line, ROB No.1619A is available at 586 m towards Tirunelveli for crossing purpose.
10.0	<b>Continuation of Railway Level crossing gate LC 29 in Thoothukkudi District, Alwarthirunagari or consider building a Road over/Under bridge at the same place</b>
	<b>Response:</b> The Train Vehicle Units is only 5866 as on March'2019. Subway at this location also could not be considered because of the following reasons:-  1) On LH side, Nazareth to Srivaikundam, Highway Road is running parallel to track within 10m from centerline of track due to which the approach length required for Subway on LH side is inadequate.

2) The formation level of track is almost at Ground level and the surrounding area is generally a water logging prone area. Hence provision of Subway will result in permanent water logging and become unsafe for road users.

In view of the above, the LC No.29 at km 34/500-600 near Alwarthirunagari station, in Tirunelveli –Tiruchendur section of Madurai division is proposed for closure, duly diverting the traffic through adjacent LC No.30 at km 35/200-300, which is just 600 m away.

District Administration was requested by Additional Divisional Railway Manager/Madurai on 06.08.2021 to accord permission for closure of this LC 29 duly diverting the traffic through adjacent LC No.30. This is under active consideration.

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	<b>Shri Karti P. Chidambaram, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Sivagangai Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to start and speed up stopped construction of Foot Over Bridge with lift facilities at Karaikudi Railway station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The work of provision of PF shelter at Karaikkudi station is in progress and targeted to be completed by 15.12.2021.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to erect top roof on the angle at 3<sup>rd</sup> Platform of Karaikudi Railway Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The work of provision of PF shelter at Karaikkudi station is in progress and targeted to be completed by 15.12.2021.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request to post gatemen in all gates to run express trains from Karaikudi, Pattukottai, Thiruthuraipoondi to Tiruvarur.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Railway board has recently decided to extend the scheme of engagement of Ex- Serviceman on contract basis for further period of one year beyond May 2021, up to May 2022. It has been advised that engagement should be made in the category of Gatemen only with the stipulation that such engagement be restricted to actual number of gateman already engaged or 50% of vacancy, whichever is less.  Accordingly, this has initiated the process of reengaging and posting of the 142 Ex-Servicemen as Gatekeepers as per current requirement over the division and same will be completed as early as possible.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request to open closed Level Crossing No.182 between Karaikudi and Mayavaram for the use of public.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The level crossing gate no. 182 at km. 180/000-100 has been closed during Gauge Conversion by diverting the traffic from LC 182 to LC 183 by laying the road on right hand side of the track which is 600m away from LC 182 duly obtaining the consent of District Collector, Sivagangai vide Lr.No.H2-8976-2012 dated 10.08.2012.

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request for Toilet facility in Karaikudi to Tiruchchirappalli Train which starts at 07.00 Hrs.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>          DEMU train (06126) is running between Karaikudi and Tiruchchirappalli (KKDI-TPJ) for the distance of 89 kms with the running time of 2 hours and 05 minutes. As per Railway board instructions, no toilet facilities are provided in DEMU trains running for a distance less than 160 kms or less than 4 hrs of journey time.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request to re-introduce of Kamban Express: Karaikudi -Thiruvarur Express.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>          T.No.16175/16176 Kamban Express is now running between Chennai Egmore and Karaikkal. At present, 3 pairs of daily and 3 pairs of Non daily trains are connecting Karaikudi and Chennai. Timings for a new Tri weekly express between Tambaram – Sengottai via Tiruvarur &amp; Karaikudi has been finalised and forwarded to Railway Board in the current year.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request to construct Waiting Rooms, shelter at Two Wheeler stand, provision of lightings, Coach Indication boards at all platforms, Digital Board Announcement.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>          Karaikkudi is a NSG4 category railway station. This station is provided with 192 Sqm. area of waiting hall as against 75sqm as per norms.</p> <p><b><u>Retiring Room:</u></b>          Construction of Retiring rooms at Karaiikudi is under examination.</p> <p><b><u>Parking:</u></b>          As per the present policy, Roof for the Parking space to be provided by the contractor. At present there is no contract is available at Karaikudi.</p> <p><b><u>Coach Indication Boards:</u></b>          Provision of manual coach indication boards are in progress. For the electronic Coach indication boards, there has been no response for the earlier tender. Again, tender is under process for the provision of Digital coach indication boards at Karaikudi Digital train arrival / departure display board and Digital announcement system is already available and it is functioning at Karaikudi.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request for stoppage of Train No. 16793/16794 Rameswaram-Faizabad-Rameswaram AYODHYA (Weekly) Express at Karaikudi</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>          The suggestions of the Hon'ble MP is noted</p>

9.0	<b>(i) Request for stoppage of Secunderabad/Rameswaram at Sivaganga Railway Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestions of the Hon'ble MP is noted. It is feasible to provide stoppage for T.No. 07685/07686 Secunderabad-Rameswaram Holiday Special at Sivagangai.
	<b>(ii) Request for new Digital Coach Indication Boards at Sivaganga Railway Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Provision of Manual Coach indication board is in progress at Sivagangai. Tender is under process for the provision of Digital Coach display board at Sivagangai as recommended by Hon'ble MP
10.0	<b>Request to extend Pallavan Express upto Manamadurai duly providing stoppage at Sivaganga Railway station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> T.No.12605 Chennai Egmore – Karaikudi Pallavan Express arrives Karaikudi at 23.00.and returns as T.No.12606 at 05.05 hrs to Chennai Egmore. If it is extended to Manamadurai, the train will arrive and depart at inconvenient hours and hence it is not feasible.
11.0	<b>Request for provision of stoppage of Mandhuvadi Express (Train No.05119) at Sivaganga Railway Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> T.No.05119/05120 Rameswaram- Banaras (Wkly) Express are long-distance trains and provision of additional stoppages will slow down the train.
12.0	<b>(i) Request for stoppage of all trains at Rajagambiram Railway Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Three pairs of Passenger trains are provided with stoppage at Rajagambiram (H) station. All Mail/Express trains have scheduled stoppage at Manamadurai which is only 5.72 kms from Rajagambiram.
	<b>(ii) Request for provision of lighting facilities at platform, roof for the platforms in Rajagambiram Railway Station and also a ticket counter to be made available permanently.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>Lighting facility:</u></b> Light facility is available at Rajagambiram. Since no train is having stoppage at Rajagambiram during Covid pandemic, station was closed and hence looks dark during night time.

	<p><b><u>Required permanent ticket counter:</u></b> Rajagambiram has low patronage of traffic with an average per day of 69 passengers and ₹789 as revenue during 2019-20 (Pre covid period) for 3 pairs of trains having stoppage at Rajagambiram. Hence, there is no justification for having reservation counter at Rajagambiram. Nearest reservation facility is available at Manamadurai (5.7 Kms)</p> <p><b><u>Platform Shelter:</u></b> Rajagambiram is a halt station under HG3 category station. No platform shelter is required as per the norms.</p> <p>Rajagambiram (halt) is a HG3 category station where passenger foot fall varies from 0 to 44. Hence this station does not qualify for provision of platform shelters.</p>
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request to put into practice of Reservation Counter permanently at Manamadurai Junction</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Manamadurai is already provided with I-UTS facility to proliferate both reserved and unreserved tickets at the same place.</p>
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of subway between Manamadurai town to 4way road near Railway station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The request for RUB is in lieu of Existing LC No.34 at Railway km 47/200-300 in between Tiruchchirappalli and Manamadurai Railway Stations in Madurai Division. Chief Engineer (Highways) / Projects wing D.O. Letter No. 1524/W2/2019, dated 12.09.2019 stated that this LC is not feasible for construction of ROB/RUB as per following reasons.</p> <p>“This LC having three tracks in curve. One PWD supply canal runs along the right side of the road. On both sides commercial buildings to a length of 200m on river side and 100m towards NHAI four lane road exists. Constructing ROB/RUB at this location involves huge area of LA along with considerable amount of compensation and also affects PWD supply canal”.</p>
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request to put into use of closed 2<sup>nd</sup> class Retiring Room at Manamadurai Railway Station and also provision of 1<sup>st</sup> class Retiring Room, purified drinking water and advance reservation centre.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Manamadurai Jn. is a NSG5 category station.</p> <p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> class Waiting hall:</u></b> Station Manager, Manamadurai has been instructed to keep open the waiting rooms during train timings.</p>



	<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Class waiting room:</u></b> Manamadurai is NSG5 category station and has been provided with 400 Sqm waiting hall as against the norms of 30 sqm. The requirement for I class waiting room at Manamadurai will be studied considering the level of traffic.</p> <p><b><u>RO water:</u></b> At present, there is no RO water plant at Manamadurai. Division will explore the provision of RO water under CSR / sponsorship.</p> <p><b><u>Reservation counter:</u></b> Manamadurai has been provided I-UTS facility for the issue of both reserved and unreserved tickets.</p>
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Train No.76830/76931 upto Manamadurai</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for extension of trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
<b>17.0</b>	<b>(i) Most of the lights are not working in the Platform of Kallal Railway Station and no platform shelter for passengers</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present, only one pair of Express (T.06851/06852) is having stoppage at Kallal at night time. During train timings, lights are switched on at Kallal.</p>
	<b>(ii) No platform shelter for passengers at Kallal Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Kallal is a NSG6 category station. This station is provided with 406 sqm. of PF shelter on PF No. 1. A work for provision of PF shelter on PF no. 2/3 has been proposed in umbrella work of 2020-21 and the same is under process for obtaining Board's approval.</p>
<b>18.0</b>	<b>(i) Need of Coach Display Digital Board at Devakottai Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>Digital Coach indication Board:</u></b> As recommended by Hon'ble MP, tender is process for the provision of Digital coach indication board at Devakottai Road.</p>
	<b>(ii) Request to raise platform height at Devakottai Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Devakottai road railway station is a NSG5 category station on Tiruchcirappalli – Karaikkudi – Manamadurai Jn. Section of Madurai Division. The work of High level Platform has been awarded and will be taken up early.</p>

	<b>(iii) No shelter at Vehicle Parking in Devakottai Railway Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>Shelter for Vehicle Parking:</u></b> At present, there is no vehicle parking contract at Devakottai Road.
<b>19.0</b>	<b>(i) Request to make function of closed Advance Reservation Centre at Pudukottai Railway Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Kandanur Pudukottai Railway station is a Halt station, a halt agent is engaged to issue preprinted unreserved tickets at Kandanur Pudukottai Railway station.  As per halt master circular dated 18.11.2019, only unreserved tickets are permitted to be issued in a halt station. Hence the provision of reservation facility at Kandanur Pudukottai Railway station is not feasible.
	<b>(ii) Request to remove barricade and stop electricity for 2 days at LC No.411 to make chariot of Shri Kottai Nachiyamman passes through.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The movement of the chariot car across the track would involve 1. Cessation of traffic 2. Slewing/removal of 25 KV AC Over head lines 3. Deployment of man power by railways for para 2 above and restoration on account of the above charges would need to be paid.
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request to make function of closed Advance Reservation Centre at Kottaiyur Railway Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Kottaiyur is a Halt station. PRS facility is available at Karaikudi (6.3 Kms).
<b>21.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of subway between Pudukottai and Thirumayam Railway Stations</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Unmanned LC no 390 Between Tirumayam – Pudukottai stations near Pulivalam, at km 468/400-500 has already been closed during December-2018 duly providing diversion road to Manned LC No 389 at km 467/400- 500. Provision of subway could not be considered as Railway formation is at par with adjoining ground level as also due to close proximity of residential building at the closed LC location.

<b>22.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of subway near Namunasamuthram.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Manned LC no 386 Between Tirumayam – Pudukattai stations near Namanasamudram, at km 463/700-800 has already been closed during June-2020 duly providing diversion road to Manned LC no 385 at km 463/000-100. Provision of Subway could not be considered due to existence of huge water body nearer to the closed LC no 386, as also the very low height of track formation. Due to above reasons Subway is not feasible.</p>
<b>23.0</b>	<b>Request for stoppage of Pallavan and Rameswaram Express Trains at Thirumayam Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Provision of stoppage for Pallavan and Rameswaram Express at Tirumayam is not commercially justified .</p> <p>T.No. 02605/06 Chennai Egmore- Karaikudi Pallavan Express, T.No. 06851/06852 &amp; 02605 /02606 Chennai Egmore- Rameswaram Expresses are stopping at Pudukkottai which is only 15.72 kms from Tirumayam station.</p>
<b>24.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of Railway Bridge at Sriram Nagar Gate LC 411 between Chettinad and Karaikudi Railway Stations.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The request is for provision ROB at Railway km 489/300-400 in between Chettinad and Karaikudi on Tiruchchirappalli–Manamadurai section of Madurai Division. The Traffic density at this level crossing is 116820 Train Vehicle Units as on March’ 2019, hence, this level crossing qualifies for replacement by a ROB/RUB on cost sharing basis. The State Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter No.Lr.No.LC 411/2018/AE-1/dated 23.07.2019 had Sponsored the ROB work for the above LC on Cost sharing basis. The ROB proposal forwarded to Railway Board in Works Programme 2021-22 and was not approved. This ROB work will be processed again for inclusion in Railway’s works Programme 2022-2023 for sanction.</p>
<b>25.0</b>	<b>Request for Battery Car and Automatic wheel chair facilities at all railway stations in Sivaganga Constituency.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Expression of Interest called for provision of Battery operated car at SVGA on 30.07.21 but there was no response received. At present, wheel chairs are available near SM office at all railway stations for the use of travelling public. However, efforts will be taken to provide Battery operated car through CSR.</p>

<b>26.0</b>	<b>Request for stoppage of Chennai-Rameswaram, Chennai-Sengottai and Chennai-Virudhunagar trains at Chettinad Railway Stations.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Stoppages for these trains have not been provided as they are poorly patronised.</p> <p>All the above trains have a scheduled stoppage at Karaikkudi Jn which is at 11 kms from Chettinad.</p>
<b>27.0</b>	<b>Request for restoration of T.No.56707/708 Tiruchchirappalli-Manamadurai Passenger train.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Passenger trains will be resumed in a phased manner.</p>
<b>28.0</b>	<b>Request for restoration of Train No.76837 and 76838 Virudhunagar-Karaikudi-Tiruchchirappalli Passenger Train.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train no. 06885/06886 Virudunagar karaikudi unreserved DEMU express has been notified for operation w.e.f 10.11.2021</p>
<b>29.0</b>	<b>Request for operation of T.No. 04816 Rameswaram-Jodhpur Superfast Express presently is now being operated from TPJ has to be operate from Rameswaram and provision of stoppage at Karaikudi and Sivagangai to be provided.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  T.No.14815/14816 was earlier being operated between Tambaram-Bhagat-ki-kothi. After the ZBTT exercise the train has been extended upto Tiruchchirappalli.</p>
<b>30.0 &amp; 32.0</b>	<p><b>Request for stoppage of Train No.06618(Coimbatore-Rameswaram) at Sivagangai Railway Station.</b>  <b>And</b>  <b>Request to convert Weekly Train No.16618/16619 (Rameswaram-Coimbatore via Karaikudi and Sivaganga) as Daily train.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  T.No.06618 Coimbatore – Rameswaram (Weekly) train: stoppage at Sivagangai has been withdrawn as it is poorly patronised night stoppage.</p> <p>T.No. 16618/16617 Coimbatore- Rameswaram (weekly) Express is integrated with T.No. 16614/16613 Coimbatore-Rajkot (Weekly) Express. Hence increasing the frequency to daily is not feasible.</p>

<b>31.0</b>	<b>Request for additional coaches in Chennai-Sengottai Silambu Express Train.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore, increasing the number of coaches is not feasible.
<b>33.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Train No.12264-12263 Trichi-Howrah weekly train upto Karaikudi.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> T.No.12663/12664 Tiruchchirappalli- Howrah Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli. Hence its extension to Karaikkudi is not feasible.
<b>34.0</b>	<b>Request for Operation of T.No. 06015/06016 Ernakulam- Velankanni Spl as Daily via Karaikudi, Pattukottai and Tiruvarur.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> A proposal for introduction of a Bi-weekly Express train from Ernakulam to Velankanni via Kollam, Sengottai, Virudunagar, Manamadurai, Karaikudi, Aranthangi, Pattukottai, Tiruturaipundi, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Velankanni has been minuted in the IRTTC meeting -2021.
<b>35.0</b>	<b>Request to provide South Indian Food at the Mobile Canteens of Express train running from Rameswaram to other states</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> As per extant policy guidelines of Board only "Ready to Eat food" is supplied to passengers in trains.
<b>36.0</b>	<b>Request to restore supply of Linen in AC Coaches</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> As per the extant Railway Board instructions, Linen supply is not done to Passengers in Trains due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Further direction in this regard is awaited from Railway Board.
<b>37.0</b>	<b>Request to open Nattarasankottai Railway Station early</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Nattarasankottai is situated between Sivagangai (6 Kms) and Panangudi (8 Kms). Feasibility of opening the station is under examination.
	<b><u>NEW TRAINS</u></b>
<b>38.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce new train from Rameswaram to Bangalore</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board

<b>39.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Train running between Palakkad and Trichy upto Karaikudi or Manamadurai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>40.0</b>	<b>Request to run new day time Antyodaya train from Chennai Tambaram to Sengottai via Tiruvarur, Pattukottai, Aranthangi, Karaikudi, Manamadurai, Aruppukottai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Timings for a Tri-weekly Express between Tambaram -Sengottai via Villupuram, Mayiladuturai, Tiruvarur, Pattukottai, Aranthangi, Karaikudi, Manamadurai, Aruppukottai, Virudunagar, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi have been finalised and submitted to Railway Board.
<b>41.0</b>	<b>Request to run day time additional trains from Tiruchchirappalli and Manamadurai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board
<b>42.0</b>	<b>Request to run new train from Tiruvarur to Madurai via Karaikudi, Sivagangai, Manamadurai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>43.0</b>	<b>Request to restore train from Chennai-Tirunelveli which was running from Trichi, Karaikudi, Manamadurai, Virudhunagar</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Timings for a Tri-weekly Express between Tambaram -Sengottai via Villupuram, Mayiladuturai, Tiruvarur, Pattukottai, Aranthangi, Karaikudi, Manamadurai, Aruppukottai, Virudunagar, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi have been finalised and submitted to Railway Board.
	<b><u>NEW ROUTES</u></b>
<b>44.0</b>	<b>Request for new track from Karaikudi to Madurai via Thirupattur</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Karaikkudi and Madurai via Melur and Thirupattur (85.70 km) was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 27/11/2014. ROR: (-) 7.742% The Abstract Cost of the Project is Rs.649.5 Cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board.

<b>45.0</b>	<b>Request for new track from Karaikudi to Tuticorin via Devakottai and Ramanathapuram.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Karaikkudi and Tuticorin via Devakkottai and Ramanathapuram (214.81 km) was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 30.08.2011. ROR – (-) 8.297%. The Abstract Cost of the Project is Rs.878.82 Cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board. <b>(CAO/CN/MS)</b>
<b>46.0</b>	<b>Request for new track from Karaikudi to Dindukal via Natham.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Karaikkudi and Dindigul via Thirupattur and Natham (105.60 km) was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 06.07.2015. ROR(-) 10.647%. The abstract cost of the Project: Rs.1314.29Cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board.
<b>47.0</b>	<b>Request for new track from Manaparai to Rameswaram via Ponamravathi, Thirupatthur, Karaikudi.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> No Survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board.
<b>48.0</b>	<b>Request new track from Madurai to Thondi.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> No survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board.
	<b><u>EMPLOYMENT</u></b>
<b>49.0</b>	<b>Request to develop Pit line facilities and Coaching Depot at Karaikudi.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> At present, the maintenance facilities available at Tiruchchirappalli Jn, Madurai Jn & Rameswaram cater to the traffic needs of Karaikudi area adequately. There is no operational need for provision of a pit line at Karaikudi as of now.

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**GM's Meeting with Hon'ble MPs of the region served by  
Madurai Division on 18.11.2021**

	<b>Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Mavelikkara Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>(i) Railway Over Bridge at Auvaneeswaram (LC No.519).</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The request is for Execution of ROB at Auvaneeswaram is in lieu of level crossing No.519 at Km. 725/1-2 between Punalur and Auvaneeswaram in Madurai division. ROB work sanctioned in Railway's Works programme vide umbrella item No. 386 of PB 2021-22 ( Umbrella item No. 402 of PB 2020-21) communicated by Railway Board on 14.07.2021.Sanction has been communicated to State Government on 26.07.2021.Further action will be taken by CN/ERS once the State Government Submit the Alignment Details for approval of GAD.
	<b>(ii) Waiting hall at Auvaneeswaram Railway Station.</b>
	<b>(iii) Construction of Foot Over Bridge from Platform No.1 to 2 and escalator and lift facilities at Auvaneeswaram Railway Station</b>
	<b>(v) Provision of sufficient bench and more lights at platform and supporting area at Auvaneeswaram Railway Station</b>
	<b>(vi) High Mast Light to be provided in front of Auvaneeswaram Railway Station</b>
	<b>(vii) Parking area to be provided</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b>  (i) Waiting Hall of 55 sq.m. area has been provided against the requirement of 15 sq.m. (ii) Potable Water through the source of open well is supplied through taps at the Station and one RO plant is also available on PF No.1. (iii) PF No.1 is provided with 470 sq.m. of PF shelter and PF No.2 is provided with 232 sq.m. as against the requirement of 50 sq.m. on each PF. (iv) The work for provision of FOB is in progress, for which column stanchions have been erected and girders are brought to site. TDC – Dec.' 2021 (v) Being NSG6 category Station, the PF surface has been provided with cement concrete and there is no planning to provide tiles at present. (vi) Adequate No. of benches have been provided (93 benches) against the requirement of 20 benches as per norms. As the work of raising of PF No.2 is in progress, additional benches will be provided upon its completion. (vii) Adequate circulating area to the tune of 165 sq.m. is available along with Parking and surface has been provided with paver / interlocking blocks



	<p>Both Auvaneeswaram (NSG6) and Kottarakkara (NSG6) Stations have been developed under Adarsh Station Scheme and all the prescribed amenities under the Scheme have been provided at these Stations.</p> <p>As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator at station is 25,000 per day. AVS station is NSG 6 Category with footfall per day is 1414. Hence Auvaneeswaram station is not eligible for provision of escalators. Further provision of Lifts will be done based on Techno- Economic feasibility</p> <p>Lighting facility is Provided at platforms and supporting areas as per the prescribed standard.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>To start Construction of Railway Over Bridge at Karyara</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The request for ROB or RUB in Kariyara is not in lieu of existing Level Crossing, but at a specific location. Hence this proposal can be considered (subject to technical feasibility) only under Deposit Terms, provided the State Government / Local Authorities agree to bear the entire cost of construction along with annual recurring maintenance charges thereto. No such proposal has been received from the State Government. On receipt of the same, further action will be taken to process further.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>(i) To convert Kuri as Crossing Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present, Kuri is a Halt station situated between Auvaneeswaram and Kottarakkara stations in Punalur – Kollam section. The interstation-distance between these stations is 11.5 Kms. only. The line capacity utilisation of Punalur – Kollam section is only 50%. For the present, there is no operational requirement for converting Kuri into a crossing station.</p>
	<p><b>(ii) There is no platform shelter at Kura Station.</b> <b>(iii) Station building is also very small.</b> <b>(iv) Light facilities are not sufficient.</b> <b>(v) In front of circulating area paving tiles are necessary.</b> <b>(vi) Fencing in front of the station is required.</b> <b>(vii) In platforms, there is no bunches/ no drinking water and also provide computer ticket facility.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Lighting facility is provided and the illumination level is as per prescribed standard.</p> <p>This is a Halt Station and is already provided with 53 sq.m. of PF shelter.</p> <p>Cement concrete paving has been provided in front of circulating area. In addition, the circulating area has been black topped duly adding additional area of 50 sq.m. with concrete surface recently.</p>

	<p>22 No. of benches have been provided.</p> <p>Drinking water is provided through tap. In addition, supply from open well and Sintex tank is under commissioning.</p> <p>Provision of computer ticket facility is not warranted for halt stations.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Need of New Railway Station at Pulamon near Kottarakara</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Pulamon is situated just 2 kms from Kottarakara against the minimum distance norm of 5 kms in between stations. Hence station at Pulamon is not justified.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Construction of Road Under Bridge at Mylom</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The request for RUB at Mylom village office – Pallickal is not in lieu of existing level crossing, but at a specific location. Hence this proposal can be considered (subject to technical feasibility) only under Deposit Terms, provided the State Government/Local Authorities agree to bear the entire cost of construction along with annual recurring maintenance charges thereto. No such proposal has been received from the State Government. On receipt of the same, further action will be taken to process further.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Railway Cross at Kunnathuvathukkal near Mylom Thekkekara</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Request is for permission for allowing light vehicular traffic through one of the three vent ways of Bridge No.2197 with approach road at Railway's cost or else to construct a new subway adjacent to Bridge No.2196 which is 75m away from Bridge No.2197. Use of the vent way of Bridge No.2197 is not agreed since it is a water way bridge and regarding the new subway, it can be done under deposit terms provided the State Government / Local authorities agree to bear the entire cost of work along with annual recurring maintenance charges thereto. No such proposal has been received from the State Government so far. On receipt of the same further action in this regard will be taken.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b><u>MAINTENANCE WORK IN KOTTARAKKARA RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>(i) Provide High mast lights in front of Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Lighting facility is provided and the illumination level is as per prescribed standard.</p>

	<b>(ii) Modify the railway station with modern amenities and repaint the building</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> New Station Building was constructed during Gauge Conversion of Sengotttai-Kollam section and all the amenities as per norms commensurate with NSG6 category Station have been provided. As all the Amenities have been provided at this Station, there is no proposal to modify the Station. The Station building was repainted during the last month.
	<b>(iii) Re-tar the Goods Shed road</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> There is no Good Shed presently functioning at Kottarakara. Re-tarring Good Shed road and its usage comes under Way-Leave permission, for which no proposal received.
	<b>(iv) Construction of third platform is highly essential Kottarakkara railway station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> With the present level of traffic, the two platforms available at this station is considered sufficient.
	<b>(v) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> platform to be extended for 24 coaches</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> With the present load of trains, extension of platforms is not required.
	<b>(vi) Provide more benches in 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> PF and modified chair in reservation area and 1<sup>st</sup> PF.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This Station is already provided with 45 seats on PF No.1 and 30 seats on PF No.2, against the norms of 10 seats per PF. Total No. of Seats available at this Station is about 137 Nos. The existing arrangement of seating is adequate for the present level of traffic
	<b>(vii) Provision of escalator facility</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator at station is 25,000 per day. KKZ station is NSG 6 Category with footfall per day is 2311. Hence Kottarakkara station is not eligible for provision of escalators. However 2 Nos of Lift sanctioned for KKZ Railway station in PF 1 & PF 2 and work is under progress.

	<b>(viii) Provision of sufficient parking place in Kottarakkara railway station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Already adequate parking area is available to an extent of 1080 sq.m. and in addition 1000 sq.m. of Parking area has been recently developed on Kollam end.
	<b>(ix) Construction of under passage in Chenthara near Railway Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The request for under pass/RUB is presumed to be at Railway km.736/600 near Kottakara yard towards Sengottai end in Sengottai – Kollam section of Madurai Division. The request is to provide subway at a specific location and not in lieu of any existing Level crossing. Hence this proposal can be considered (subject to technical feasibility) only under Deposit Terms, provided the State Government / Local Authorities agree to bear the entire cost of construction along with annual recurring maintenance charges thereto. No such proposal has been received from the State Government. On receipt of the same, further action will be taken to process further.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>(i) Upgradation of Ezhukone station as Signal station and Crossing Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Ezhukone is a halt station. FOB will be provided in due course being a cost intensive item.
	<b>(ii) Ezhukone is an important station between Kottarakara and Kundara.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The Railway Station building is very small and old structure. During the gauge conversion period the station was not reconstructed.  The present building meets the requirement of this category of station.
	<b>(iii) The passengers are increasing day by day. There is no platform shelter.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This Station is provided with 52 sq.m. of platform shelter as against the requirement of 50 sq.m.
	<b>(iv) No sufficient light inside and outside of the Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Lighting facility is provided and the illumination level is as per prescribed standard.

	<b>(v) There is no waiting hall in Station building.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This Station is provided with 56 sq.m. of Waiting Hall against the requirement of 15 sq.m.
	<b>(vi) There is no bunches and chairs in the platform. Need to construct second platform in Ezhukone Rly.Stn.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> 15 seats are provided on PF against the requirement of 10 seats as per norms.
	<b>(vii) From National Highway to Railway Station road is very bad condition. Width of the road is very small.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> 3 m wide CC road is available from NH to Station building and the same has been increased to 4.2 m recently which is adequate for the level of traffic dealt.
	<b>(viii) The entire station area is just like a jungle.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Periodical de-weeding and clearing of rank vegetation is being done regularly and last cleaning was done in October 2021.
	<b>(ix) No proper parking places in the station premises.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Already adequate parking space is available in front of the Station.
	<b>(x) From the main road to Station there is walking steps, it is also bad condition.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Recently, the steps have been paved with chequered tiles and now in good condition.
	<b>(xi) There is one road from Ponguvila Jn Nedumbaikkulam Railway gate near Ezhukone Railway station. It is very pathetic condition. Kindly give permission for tarring or concreting the above said road.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Re-tarring of the road and its usage comes under Way-Leave permission, for which no proposal received from local authorities.

9.0	<b><u>KUNDARA EAST RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>Kundara East Railway Station is one of the halt station in my area. There is no platform shelter. Station building is also very small. Platform also very low level. Local public need a path in the side of the Railway line.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Kundara East is HG-3 category Halt station having Single PF. All the Essential Amenities has been provided as per the norms. Medium level platform is available and a work for raising the platform to high level will be proposed as per availability of funds being a Cost intensive item. It is not safe to provide a road / path near the railway track and such a provision is not generally permitted as it would endanger the movement of traffic and the public.
10.0	<b>Request for construction of additional tracks and platforms, pit line water filling facilities and coach maintenance centre at Punalur Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> At present, the maintenance facilities available at Madurai and Tirunelveli Junction caters to the traffic needs of Sengottai – Kollam section adequately. There is no operational need for provision of a pit line at Punalur as of now.
11.0	<b>Introduction of DEMU service from Kollam-Punalur</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> On completion of electrification, the existing conventional Passenger trains will be progressively replaced with MEMU services.
12.0	<b>Electrification of Kollam-Punalur Broad Gauge line and Electrification extension upto Shengottai.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Railway Electrification works in Tiruchendur-Tirunelveli- Tenkasi- Sengottai and Kollam- Punalur section are targeted to complete in mission 100 % electrification and will be completed before Mar-2023.  Electrification proposals of Sengottai-Punalur (49 Rkm) section was submitted as OOT work to Railway board for sanction. Awaiting of Railway board sanction.  As per the current progress the Railway Electrification work on railway side that is in section between Tiruchendur-Tirunelveli- Tenkasi- Sengottai is targeted in Dec-2022 and the section between Kollam-Punalur in March-2022.

<b>13.0</b>	<b>Extension of TrainNo.56393 Kottayam-Kollam passenger to Punalur</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 56393/56394 Kottayam – Kollam Passenger has been converted to MEMU and renumbered as Train No. 66317/66318. Following electrification of Kollam – Punalur section, extension of this service will be examined.</p>
<b>14.0</b>	<b>To make arrangements for Punalur-Palakkad Palaruvi Express Train to start 5.30 in the morning and to reach 11.00 at Punalur</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No.16791/16792 Palakkad-PunalurPalaruvi Express has been extended up to Tirunelveliw.e.f 09.07.2018.</p> <p>Train No.16791 Palaruvi Exp. leaves Tirunelveli at 23.20 hrs. and reaches Palakkad at 12.50 hrs. Its timing at Punalur is 03.10/03.20 hrs. This train is a commuter train in Kollam-Kayankulam-Kottayam-Ernakulam sections.</p> <p>In the return direction, Train No. 16792 leaves Palakkad at 16.05 hrs. and reaches Tirunelveli at 04.50 hrs. Its timings at Punalur is 00.25/00.30 hrs. This train is a commuter train in Palakkad-Shoranur-Ernakulam- Kottayam.</p> <p>Any change in timings for the train will affect the existing commuters.</p>
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request to restore all trains which were running before Gauge Conversion between Punalur-Shencotta Section</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Hon'ble MP's suggestions have been noted.</p>
<b>16.0</b>	<b>(i) To retain stoppage of palaruvi Express in Auvaneeswaram Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage for T. No 06791/06792 Tirunelveli- Palakkad – TirunelveliPalaruvi Express at Auvaneeswaram has been withdrawn due to poor patronage and the train has been speeded up by 45 minutes in the onward direction and 80 minutes in the reverse direction.</p>
	<b>(ii) To retain stoppage of Passenger and special trains in Kuri and Ezhukone Railway Stations.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present 6 passenger trains are stopping at Kuri Halt. Stoppage of 06328/06327 (old No.) 56365/56366 Guruvayur-Punalur Express Spl&amp; Train No. 06729/06730 (old No.56700/56701) Madurai – Punalur – Madurai Express Spl have been withdrawn due to poor patronage during their conversion as Express and consequent speeding up. These two trains stop at Auvaneeswaram which 4 kms away from Kuri.</p> <p>At present 2 pairs of express &amp; 8 pass trains are stopping at Ezhukone Halt. Stoppage of 06791/06792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad- Tirunelveli Express Spl Express has been withdrawn due poor patronage. This train stops at Kottarakkara which 7 kms away from Ezhukone.</p>

<b>17.0</b>	<b><u>OTHER AMENITIES</u></b>
	<b>(i) To restart Tea Stalls in Kottarakara Railway Station</b>
	<b>(ii) To provide VIP Lounge at Kottarakara railway Station.</b>
	<b>(iii) To provide electronic display board for arrival and departure of all trains at Kottarakara Railway Station</b>
	<b>(iv) To start information centre in Kottarakara Railway Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> 1. At Kottarakara, no response received for the tender called for the provision of one Catering stall during the last seven times. 2. Feasibility Provision of VIP lounge at Kottarakara will be examined. 3. As per the recommendation of Hon'ble MP, tender is under process for the provision of Electronic display board for arrival and departure of trains at Kottarakara. 4. Provision of Information Center at Kottarakara will be examined
	<b>(v) Third Platform to be constructed in Kottarakara Railway Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> With the level of traffic, the two platforms available at this station are considered sufficient.
	<b>(vi) To construct a mini ROB in Chenthara near Kottarakara Railway Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The request for under pass/RUB is presumed to be at Railway km.736/600 near Kottarakara yard towards Sengottai end in Sengottai – Kollam section of Madurai Division. The request is to provide subway at a specific location and not in lieu of any existing Level crossing. Hence this proposal can be considered (subject to technical feasibility) only under Deposit Terms, provided the State Government / Local Authorities agree to bear the entire cost of construction along with annual recurring maintenance charges thereto. No such proposal has been received from the State Government. On receipt of the same, further action will be taken to process further.
<b>18.0</b>	<b><u>NEW TRAIN SERVICES</u></b>
	<b>(i) To reintroduce new Train service from Coimbatore to Kollam via Palani, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Shengottai</b>
	<b>(ii) To introduce new train from Kollam to Pondicherry via Madurai, Trichy</b>
	<b>(iii) To introduce new train from Rameswaram to Tirupati via Madurai, Tirunelveli, Kollam, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Coimbatore, Salem</b>
	<b>(iv) To introduce new train service from Trivandrum -Kollam-Tirunelveli- Madurai-Bangalore.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.

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	<b>Shri P.R. Natarajan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Coimbatore Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Restoration of Coimbatore-Rameswaram via Podanur &amp; Madurai Train service</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to terminal constraints at Coimbatore, it is not feasible to introduce new trains as suggested. However, it is informed that timings of extension of T. No.16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram – Madurai Amritha Express to Rameswaram have been finalised and submitted to Railway Board. This will provide daily connectivity between Pollachi and Rameswaram.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Restoration of Madurai-Coimbatore Passenger train service and introduction of new train services</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No.06463/06462 Coimbatore-Palani-Coimbatore unreserved special and Train No.06480/06479 Palani-Madurai Palani unreserved Special are being operated w.e.f 10-11-2021 providing connectivity between Coimbatore and Madurai.

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	<b>Shri K. Navaskani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Ramanathapuram Constituency.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request for stoppage of Trains at Ramanathapuram and Mandapam Stations.</b>
	<b>(i) Rameshwaram-Varanasi Superfast Express</b>
	<b>(ii) Train Nos.06793/06794 at Ramanathapuram</b>
	<b>(iii) Chennai Egmore-Rameswaram (Train No.02205) at Mandapam</b>
	<b>(iv) RMM-BBS Festival Special (Train Nos.08495-08496) at Mandapam</b>
	<b>(v) BSBS-RMM Festival Special (Train Nos.05119) at Mandapam</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> 1) The stoppage at Mandapam for T.No.02205 (22661) Chennai Egmore-Rameswaram Express has been eliminated as it is a poorly patronised night stoppage.  2) T.No.06793 / 06794 (16793 / 16794) Rameswaram – Faizabad - Rameswaram Express is a long distance train and provision of additional stoppage will slow down the train.  3) T.No.08495/08496 Rameswaram-Bhubaneswar-Rameswaram (Wkly) Express and T.No.05119/05120 Rameswaram-Banaras (Wkly) Express are long-distance trains and provision of additional stoppages will slow them down. Moreover there is no commercial justification for provision of stoppages for additional trains at Mandapam.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>(i) Request to operate train between Mayiladuthurai to Karaikudi via Aranthangi and Rameswaram to Egmore via Aranthangi on the same road</b>
	<b>(ii) Request to operate train between Mayiladuthuri to Madurai via Aranthangi and Ramewaram to Tambaram via Aranthangi, Karaikudi and Tiuruvarur</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> i) Train No.06197/06198 Tiruvaur – Karaikudi - Tiruvarur Unreserved DEMU Express special via Aranthangi – Pattukottai – Thiruthuraipoondi is being operated with effect from 04.08.2021.  ii) Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Change of yard to Mandapam in place of Rameswaram</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present, the maintenance facilities available at Rameswaram caters to the traffic needs of the section adequately. There is no operational need for provision of a pit line at Mandapam or for shifting the coaching yard from Rameswaram. Further, to ensure uninterrupted passenger services even during bad weather, a new Pamban Bridge is under construction.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Platform length duly increasing the height at Mandapam and Uchipuli stations to accommodate more coaches.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Mandapam is an NSG6 category Station on MNM-RMM section. This station is provided with all the Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms. Both the PF No.1 &amp; 2/3 are presently provided with Medium Level PF. A work for raising the PF to High Level has already been sanctioned under Umbrella work and agency is also available. However, the work is planned to be executed in June-2022 due to non-availability of Earth. Further, a work for extending the PF by 60 m has been sanctioned under umbrella sanction of 2020-21 and the same will be taken up early.</p> <p><b>Uchipuli</b> is an NSG6 category Station as per revised categorization. Both the PF No.1 &amp; 2 are already High Level and the length of the PF is 405 m which is adequate to hold the longest stopping train at this Station.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request to set up Railway Station at Thangachmadam</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The Thangachimadam town is located 1.5 km from the existing Pamban Crossing station which is operationally not feasible for a new Halt station near the existing crossing station. Moreover, the Division has been advised to study the feasibility of providing one Halt station near Peikarumbu where Dr. Abdul Kalam Memorial place is located 6 km from Pamban and 4 km from Rameswaram. Regarding utilization of 30 acres of railway land for setting up of a yard for shunting and maintenance of Coaches, already maintenance facilities are available at Rameswaram to cater to the present requirement of operations and this will be considered in future when need arises.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request to resume halt of passenger trains at Vaalantharavai and Mandapam Camp Railway stations.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The stoppages for Passenger trains at Valantaravai and Mandapam Camp Stations has been provided.</p>

<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request to replace dilapidated Coaches of Rameswram-Chennai Trains</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 02205/02206 &amp; 06851/06852 are the two Trains running between Rameswaram and Chennai. Better coaches will be replaced in these trains and efforts will be taken to improve the condition of coaches during maintenance.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request for appointment of Gate Keepers</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Railway board has recently decided to extend the scheme of engagement of Ex- Serviceman on contract basis for further period of one year beyond May 2021, up to May 2022. It has been advised that engagement should be made in the category of Gatemen only with the stipulation that such engagement be restricted to actual number of gateman already engaged or 50% of vacancy, whichever is less.</p> <p>Accordingly, this has initiated the process of reengaging and posting of the 142 Ex-Servicemen as Gatekeepers as per current requirement over the division and same will be completed as early as possible.</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request for resumption of train service between Chennai Egmore and Karaikudi</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board.</p>

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	<b>Shri N.K. Premachandran, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kollam Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request for Electrification of Kollam-Schenkottah railway line</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>Electrification of Kollam- Schenkottah section</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Schenkottah to Punalur: There is no Railway Board sanction available.</li> <li>2. Punalur – Kollam: Railway Board has set a target for commissioning the section by March'2022. The foundation work in section is progressing and switching station/ TSS works will be taken up shortly.</li> </ol>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to remove the ban imposed for tourist at 13 Kannara Bridge.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> It is a safety issue. Permitting Tourist on the bridge near the track will endanger traffic as well as the users.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request for water filling facility at Punalur Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Coach watering facility, work has been sanctioned and action has been initiated for awarding the work</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request for declaration of Punalur Railway Station as Swami Ayyappa Railway Station prior to the Sabarimala Season 2021</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> As per extant guidelines of Board any change in the name of the Railway station is done based on the recommendation of concerned state government and concurrence of Ministry of Home affairs. Therefore, renaming of Punalur station as Swami Ayyappa Railway station is required to be referred to the concerned state government. Punalur is a NSG6 category Station and all amenities, as per norms, have been provided at this station.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request to restore all the express trains and passenger trains through Kollam-Schenkottah railway line</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Railway Board has been requested for resumption of Train No.56737/56738 Kollam-Schenkottah passenger trains.</p>

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request for operation of Vistadome coach through Kollam-Schenkottah railway line</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestion is noted and the same is being worked on.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request for operation of Ernakulam-Velankanni Train as a regular train</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Timings of Ernakulam and Velankanni Bi-weekly Express has been finalized and submitted to Railway Board. Railway Board orders for introduction are awaited.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request to convert all special train through Kollam-Schenkottah route as regular trains.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Special trains will be converted to regular trains on receipt of orders to this effect from Railway Board.
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request for completion of proposed art work at 13 Kannara Bridge.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This has the safety implications and hence cannot be permitted.
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Request for Stoppage of all trains at Thenmala</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> During rationalization of Time Table, poorly patronized stoppages have not been provided for some of the trains. Trains has also been speeded up due to elimination of poorly patronised night stoppages  Stoppage of T. No. 06101/06102 ChennaiEgmore – Kollam Express Spl and T. No 06791/06792 Tirunelveli- Palakkad – Tirunelveli Express Spl at Tenmalaihave not been provided as they poorly patronized/night stoppages. These trains have also been speeded up.
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request for change the time of passenger trains more convenient to daily passengers.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The timings of Train No. 06729 Madurai – Punalur Express Ex. Kollam has been revised to 8.45 hrs for the benefit of daily commuters in Kollam – Punalur section. Similarly, in the return direction, Train No. 06730 leaves PUU at 17.20 hrs and reaches Kollam at 18.20 hrs for the benefit of evening commuters.

**12.0 Request to improve passenger amenities in all railway stations in Kollam-Schenkottah route**

**Response:**

**Lift**

Provision of Lift is sanctioned for Senkottah-2 Nos., Punalur-2 Nos. and Kotarakkara-2 Nos. between Stations in Kollam-Senkottah route and work is under progress.

Kollam-2 Nos. of Escalator, 2 Nos. of Lift, airport level illumination, improved air circulation and water coolers were already provided. Further provision of Lifts will be done based on Techno-Economic feasibility in this route.

**Escalator:**

As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator at station is 25,000 per day. Hence no stations are eligible for provision of escalators except Kollam.

There are around 19 Railway stations exist on Kollam-Sengottai Section and details of each station are furnished below:

Kollam Jn. is a NSG3 category station on Kayankulam – Thiruvananthapuram section of Thiruvananthapuram Division. This Station was developed under Model, Modern and Adarsh Station Schemes earlier.

In addition, following development works are carried out / being carried out at Kollam Station:

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of work</b>	<b>Cost in lakhs</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Second entry on NH208 side with circulation area, booking office & extension of Foot Over Bridge.	981.96	Work completed in the year 2019.
2	Construction of compound wall and entry gate with illuminated board for second entry at Kollam station. (MPLAD)	20.00	Work completed in the year 2019.
3	TVC Division provision of monumental flag high mast of 30.5m (100ft) at Kollam station.	21.50	Earlier, modification of Electrical mast was planned but Electrical Dept. recently advised it is not possible to modify. Hence New location under finalization.
4	Track machine satellite depot to undertake maintenance schedule	617.15	Office building work has been completed in the month of November 2020. Balance work is in progress- TDC Feb 2022.

Further this station has been identified under station redevelopment scheme. In Principle approval for the developmental Plans has been accorded by the GM. The development work will be taken up by Zonal Railway early at this station.

**Kilikollur** is a NSG-6 category station on Tenkasi-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except Foot Over Bridge. Provision of FOB work has been sanctioned and in progress - TDC is 31.03.2022.

**Chandanattop** is a HG-3 category Halt Station on Sengottai-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of High-Level Platform. Work for Provision of High-Level Platform is being processed under Umbrella sanction for Board's approval.

**Punalur** is an NSG-6 category station on Sengottai-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms. This station was developed under Adarsh Station Scheme in (2011-12) and all the facilities under this scheme have already been provided.

**Edamann** is an NSG-6 category station on Sengottai-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of High-Level Platform. Work for Provision of High-Level Platform will be submitted to Board for approval in the ensuing Works Programme as per availability of funds.

**Ottakkal** is an NSG-6 category station on Sengottai-Kollam Section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of High-Level Platform. Work for Provision of High-Level Platform will be submitted to Board for approval in the ensuing Works Programme as per availability of funds. Being a single line station, no FOB required.

**Tenmalai** is an NSG-6 category station on Sengottai-Kollam Section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of High-Level Platform. Work for Provision of High-Level Platform will be submitted to Board for approval in the ensuing Works Programme as per availability of funds.

**Kalthuruthi** is a HG-3 category Halt Station on Sengottai-Kollam Section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of High-Level Platform. Work for Provision of High-Level Platform is being processed under Umbrella sanction for Board's approval.

**Edapalayam** is a HG-3 category Halt Station on Sengottai-Kollam Section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of High-Level Platform.



Work for Provision of High-Level Platform will be submitted to Board for approval in the ensuing Works Programme as per availability of funds. Being a single line station, no FOB required.

**New Aryankavu** is an NSG-6 category station on Sengottai-Kollam Section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except PF Shelter and the long lead item of High-Level Platform & FOB. Work for Provision of High-Level Platform is being processed under Umbrella sanction for Board's approval. Work for provision of PF Shelter will be processed after raising the PF height. Being a single line station, no FOB required.

**Aryankavu** is a HG-3 category Halt Station on Sengottai-Kollam Section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of High-Level Platform. Work for Provision of High-Level Platform is being processed under Umbrella sanction for Board's approval. Being a single line station, no FOB required.

**Kundara** is a NSG-6 category station on Tenkasi-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms. This station was developed under Adarsh Station Scheme during (2019- 20) and all the intended facilities under this scheme have been completed.

**Kundara East** is a HG3 category station on Tenkasi-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of Foot Over Bridge. Work for Provision of Foot Over Bridge will be submitted to Board for approval as per availability of funds.

**Ezhukone** is a NSG6 category station on Tenkasi-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of Foot Over Bridge. Work for Provision of Foot Over Bridge will be submitted to Board for approval as per availability of funds

**Kottarakara** is a NSG6 category station on Tenkasi-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms. This station was developed under Adarsh Station Scheme during (2011- 12) and all the intended facilities under this scheme have been completed.

**Kuri** is a HG2 category station on Tenkasi-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of Foot Over Bridge. Work for Provision of Foot Over Bridge will be submitted to Board for approval as per availability of funds.

**Auvaneeswarem** is a NSG6 category station on Sengottai-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of Foot Over Bridge. Work for Provision of Foot Over Bridge will be submitted to Board for approval as per availability of funds.

This station was developed under Adarsh Station Scheme during (2013-14) and all the intended facilities under this scheme have been completed.

**Bhagavathipuram** is a NSG6 category station on Sengottai-Kollam section of Madurai division, All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except the long lead item of Foot Over Bridge. Work for Provision of Foot Over Bridge will be submitted to Board for approval as per availability of funds.

**Sengottai** is a NSG5 category station on Virudhunagar (VPT) -Sengottai section of Madurai division, All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except two water coolers.

Station wise details of Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA) to be provided by Signal & Telecommunication Department as per RB & its availability/ Target is presented in the Annexure "A". Additionally list of Stations where Wi-Fi is maintained by M/s.RailTel is also presented in the same annexure.

Moreover in Southern Railway Provision of Passenger Amenities are decided by Commercial department.

Hence the representation of Honorable MP is forwarded to the Commercial department.

Provision of minimum essential amenities as per Board's norms will be ensured by giving top priority in all the stations falling under the constituency of the Hon'ble MP and located on Sengottai-Kollam section namely Kilikollur, Chandanattop, Punalur, Edamann Station and New Aryankavu, Aryankavu Halt Station, Ottakkal, Tenmalai, Kalthuruthi, Edapalayam.

Following are the current status of passenger amenities works at railways stations under MP constituency.

No	Stations	Amenities	Current status
1	TML	PF Height	Work will be proposed under umbrella scheme
2	KLQ	PF Height & FOB	Work in progress
3	CTPE	PF Height	Work will be proposed under umbrella scheme
4	EDN	PF Height	Work to be proposed
5	AYVN	PF Height	Work will be proposed under umbrella scheme

	6	AYV	PF Height	Work will be proposed under umbrella scheme
	7	OKL	PF Height	Work to be proposed
	8	EDP	PF Height	Work to be proposed
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request to increase the coach capacity of trains in Kollam-Punalur route.</b>			
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to load restriction in Punalur – Sengottaighat section, the load of the trains is restricted to 14/15 coaches.			
<b>14.0</b>	<b>(i) Request for Coach Indication Led Display Board at Punaur Railway station</b>			
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Presently, manual painted boards are available for the convenience of the passengers. However, as recommended by Hon'ble MP, tender for the provision of Coach Indication LED display board at Punalur is under process			
	<b>(ii) Request for Coach Indication Led Display Board at Kollam Railway station</b>			
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Electronic coach indication board is available at circulating area, concourse, platform1, FOB and platform 2/3. Electronic coach position board is not provided at Kollam. However, manual coach position board is available at all platforms. Provision of electronic coach position boards will be included while inviting contract for the same through publicity route. (commercial earning contract			
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request for pit line at Kollam</b>			
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Pit lines are available at Trivandrum central, Kochuveli, Ernakulam, Madurai&Nagercoil and increase in the number of pit lines has been planned at Kochuveli and Nagercoil. Furthermore, a new coaching terminal at Nemam has also been proposed by the Railway. Given the above, there is no operational requirement for provision of pit lines at Kollam.			

<b>16.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Guruvayur – Punalur Express to Madurai</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Extension of Train No. 16327/16328 Guruvayur – Punalur Express to Madurai will be proposed in the forth coming IRTTC.
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Kollam-Visakapatnam Weekly Express to Punalur</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Due to terminal constraints at Punalur, it is not feasible to extend train No.18567/18568 Visakapattnam-Kollam(W) Express to Punalur.
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request for weekly Tirunelveli-Mangalore Express Via Tenkasi, Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Kozhikode.</b>
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Request for Kollam-Tirunelveli Passenger Services in the Morning and Evening time</b>
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request for Trivandram Central-Tirupati express via Punalur.</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>21.0</b>	<b>Inordinate delay in granting permission for construction near railway line and difficulties faced by the local people.</b>
	<b>Response:</b> As and when a request for issuing No objection Certificate (NOC) are received for the construction of a buildings within 30 meter from the railway land, proposals will have to be thoroughly verified for various aspects as per Railway Board's existing guidelines viz whether proper "independent access not through railway land" has been indicated in the plan and its availability (public access) in party land document, site conditions, land boundaries, garbage/sewage disposal arrangements and Stability Certificate etc. Further, if the NOC plot is nearby station yard, Level crossings and bridges, then clearance from various sections (Planning, Bridge, Road Safety) is also to be obtained including Construction Branch clearance with respect to the proposal of future track alignment etc.  However, this office is closely monitoring the processing of NOC proposals and clears the same without inordinate delay duly collecting the various necessary details /clearances as brought out above.

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	<b>Shri K. Shanmuga Sundaram, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Pollachi Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>(a) Request to restart train service from Pollachi-Coimbatore-Pollachi Passenger trains and Coimbatore-Palani-Coimbatore Passenger trains</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No.06419/06420 Coimbatore-Pollachi unreserved express special is notified w.e.f 10.11.2021.  Train No.06463/06462 Coimbatore-Palani-Coimbatore unreserved express special has also been notified for commencement w.e.f 10.11.2021.
	<b>(b) Request to resume train service to Tiruchendur through Pollachi, Udumalaipettai, Palani, Madurai.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Board has been requested for resumption of unreserved express train between Tiruchendur and Pollachi.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to operate Mettupalayam to Coimbatore MEMU Train between Pollachi and Mettupalayam.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The conventional passenger trains operating between Pollachi – Coimbatore will be replaced by MEMU coaches in due course.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request for extensions of 7 pair of trains to Pollachi Junction</b>
	<b>i) Coimbatore to Mannargudi Chemmozhi Express (Train No.16615 &amp; 16616)</b>
	<b>ii) Coimbatore to Mayiladuthurai Jam Shatabdi Express (Train No.12083 &amp; 12084)</b>
	<b>vi) Coimbatore to Tirupati Express (Train No.22615 &amp; 22616)</b>
	<b>vii) Coimbatore to Bangalore Uday Express (Train No.22665 &amp; 22666)</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> These train undergo primary Maintenance at Coimbatore. Hence, extension to Pollachi is not feasible.

	<b>v) Coimbatore to Rajkot Express (Train No.16613 &amp; 16614)</b>
	<b>iii) Coimbatore to Lokmanya Tilak (Mumbai) Kurla Express (Train No.11013 &amp; 11014)</b>
	<b>iv) Coimbatore to H Nizamuddin (Delhi) Kongu Express (Train No.12647)</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Since these trains are not having adequate lie over time at Coimbatore, extension to Pollachi is not feasible.
	<b>viii) Request to divert the Tiruneiveli - Dadar - Tiruneiveli Express train (Train No.22629 &amp; 22630) in Dindigul - Palani - Pollachi section</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Railway Board will be approached regarding diversion of T.No. 22629/22630 Tirunelveli – Dadar Exp via Pollachi & Pallakad.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request for restoration of train services which existed during MG between Coimbatore and South Tamil Nadu via. Pollachi.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Power for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request to operate a daily overnight express train from Pollachi to Chennai Central via. Kinathukadavu, Coimbatore, Salem, Katpadi (or) One of the overnight express trains operated between Coimbatore and Chennai can be extended to Pollachi with a stoppage at Kinathukadavu:</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No.02651/02652 Chennai Central – Palakkad Exp Spl connects Pollachi to Chennai Central. It is not feasible to operate additional trains as suggested due to terminal constraints at Chennai Central. Extension of Coimbatore - Chennai overnight trains (Cheran Express and Coimbatore- Chennai Weekly Express) to Pollachi is not feasible as they undergo primary maintenance at Coimbatore.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AT POLLACHI JUNCTION</b>
	<b>(i) Pit lines / Maintenance facilities for trains</b> <b>Note: Pit lines facilities are now planned in Palakkad Town railway station.</b>
	<b>(ii) SE-Permanent Way office shifted from Pollachi to Kollengede.</b>
	<b>(iii) Locomotive / Coach maintenance shed was removed from Pollachi Junction</b>
	<b>(iv) Train watering facilities were not brought back to Pollachi JN after gauge conversion</b>

	<b>(v) Direct water pipeline from Aliyar river (Ambarampalayam} to Pollachi JN was not restored.</b>
	<b>(vi) Nearly 10 trains (including Coimbatore - Rameswaram Express / Passengers, Coimbatore - Maduraj Intercity Express, Coimbatore - Thoothukudi Fast Passenger, Coimbatore - Kollam trains) were not re-operated after broad gauge conversion of Podanur / Palakkad - Pollachi - Dindigul section</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The need for Infrastructural Maintenance (Pit line and other facilities) has been examined. With the present pattern of services in the section (3 pairs of trains) the rake links can be integrated in such a way that maximum number of coaching trains can be run and maintenance of the trains can be done by giving other end attention at MAS, SA, MDU Divisions. The maintenance facilities available at CBE which is 40 Kms away will also cater to the services via Pollachi. Moreover Train watering facilities are already available in CBE, PGT and DG Stations. In Pollachi Jn., already Well Water and Municipal water facility with Pumping Station (nearby) also available.</p> <p>SE/P.Way Office was shifted to Kollengode after gauge conversion since it is the centre point between POY and PGT.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request to merge Meenatchipuram, Pollachi, Kinathukadavu section to Madurai Division or Salem Division from Palakkad Division</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Jurisdiction of railway Divisions are decided on operational considerations and not based on state boundaries.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request for resumption of train services between Pollachi- Tiruchendur.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Board has been requested for resumption of train services between Tiruchendur and Pollachi.</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Setting up an inland Container depot at Thippampatti near Pollachi</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Thippampatti is not a Rail head. It is located at a distance of about 7.5 Kms from Pollachi. ICDs can be provided only by Container Operators with approval of Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>If any Container Terminal Operator comes up with an ICD at Thippampatti, Southern Railway would consider provision of rail connectivity under Private Siding terms. Meanwhile, it is suggested that the Goods shed at Pollachi, which has full rake handling capacity, may be utilized by the Trade fraternity for their transport needs.</p>

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	<b>Shri Su Thirunavukkarasar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tiruchchirappalli Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request for new line between Pudukottai-Thanjavur via Gandarvakottai.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Pudukottai-Thanjavur via Gandarvakottai (71.72 km) was conducted and Survey Report was forwarded to Railway Board on 29.02.2016. ROR: (-) 8.274%. The Abstract Cost of the project is Rs.619.48 cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Survey of new railway line between Pattukottai – Alangudi – Pudukottai – Thuvankuruchi – Dindigul</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> No survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of Road Over Bridge or Road Under Bridge at the LC of Inamkulathur Railway Station, Tiruchchirappalli District, Tamil nadu</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The request is for Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) (or) Road Under Bridge (RUB) at Inamkulathur Railway Station is in lieu of LC No.265 at Railway km 358/600-700 in Tiruchchirappalli-Dindigul section of Madurai Division. The traffic density at this level crossing is 25,970 train vehicle units as on June 2019. Since the traffic density at this level crossing is less than 1 lakh train vehicle units, this level crossing does not qualify for replacement by Road Over Bridge on 50:50 cost sharing basis. Further, it is to state that construction of ROB / RUB at this LC can be considered under deposit terms.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of Road Over Bridge or Road Under Bridge at Thiruvappur and Karuveppalan railway gates</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> All the four LCs qualify for provision of ROB on cost sharing basis with State Government, since the Train Vehicle Units across the LC is more than 1 lakh. State Government has agreed to share the cost and the proposal will be submitted to Railway Board for sanction in Works Programme for 2022-23.  (a) The request for Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) (or) Road Under Bridge (RUB) at Thiruvappur is presumed to be in lieu of LC No.372 at Railway km 452/900-453/000 between Vellanur-Pudukottai stations in



	<p>Tiruchchirapalli-Manamadurai section of Madurai Division. The Traffic density at this level crossing is 135306 Train Vehicle Units as on March 2019, hence, this level crossing qualifies for replacement by a ROB/RUB on cost sharing basis. The State Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter No.2964/HQ2/2019-6 dt.28.10.2020 has given consent for ROB work at this LC on Cost sharing basis. The ROB proposal was sent to Railway Board for sanction in Works Programme 2021-22, however same could not be sanctioned. Further, it is to state that this work will be again processed for inclusion in Railway's Works Programme for the year 2022-23 for sanction.</p> <p>(b) The request for Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) (or) Road Under Bridge (RUB) at Karuveppalan is presumed to be in lieu of LC No.376 at Railway km 455/800-900 in between Vellanur-Pudukottai stations in Tiruchchirapalli-Manamadurai section of Madurai Division. The Traffic density at this level crossing is 105399 Train Vehicle Units as on March 2019, hence, this level crossing qualifies for replacement by a ROB/RUB on cost sharing basis. The State Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter No.2964/HQ2/2019-6 dt.28.10.2020 has given consent for ROB work at this LC on Cost sharing basis. The ROB proposal was sent to Railway Board for sanction in Works Programme 2021-22, however same could not be sanctioned.. Further, it is to state that this work will be again processed for inclusion in Railway's works Programme for the year 2022-23 for sanction</p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>Resumption of train services on Karaikudi-Aranthangi-Peravurani-Pattukottai-Athirampattinam-Thiruthuraiipoondi-Tiruvarur BG Section</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No.06197/06198 Tiruvaur – Karaikudi - Tiruvarur Unreserved Express DEMU special via Aranthangi– Pattukottai – Thiruthuraiipoondi is being operated with effect from 04.08.2021.</p>
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b>Request to resume stoppages of trains at Keeranur Railway Station, Pudukottai</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Three pairs of passenger trains are provided stoppage at Keeranur.</p> <p>However, stoppage for T.No. 56829/56830 Tiruchchirappalli - Rameswaram - Tiruchchirappalli Passenger which has been converted as Express train No. 16849/16850 has been eliminated due to poor patronage. The train has been speeded up by 50 minutes between Tiruchchirappalli and Rameswaram and by 60 minutes in the return direction and is stopping at Kumaramangalam and Vellanur which are 15.32Kms and 12.65Kms respectively from Keeranur.</p>

<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request to set up a new Integrated Rail Coach Factory in Padukottai</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Matter pertains to Railway board.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request new line between Aranthangi-Pudukottai-Manapparai-Palayam-Karur</b>
	<b>Response:</b> No survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board.
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Increasing frequency of Hazrat Nizamuddin-Kanniyakumari Tirukkural Express from bi-weekly to a Daily Train.</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Train No.12641 / 12642 shares a common path with Train Nos.12651 / 12652 Madurai –Hazrat Nizamuddin biweekly express and Train No.12707 / 12708 Tirupathi–Hazrat Nizamuddin Tri weekly express, hence increase in its frequency is not feasible.
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Chennai-Hyderabad Train upto Kanniyakumari</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Train No. 12760/12759 Secundrabad – Tambaram – Secundrabad Express, Train No. 17652/17651 Kacheguda – Chengalpattu – Kacheguda Express and Train No. 12604/12603 Hyderabad – MGR Chennai Central – Hyderabad Express run in integrated rake links. The lie-over time available for these rakes is not sufficient for their extension to Kanniyakumari.
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Rameswaram-Tiruchirappalli Express upto Salem</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Train No.16849 / 16850 Tiruchchirappalli-Rameswaram Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli, hence its extension to Salem is not feasible.
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce of new train between Rameshwaram-Yeshwantpur via Karaikkudi, Pudukottai, Tiruchirappalli, Karur, Namakkal, Salem, Dharmapuri, Hosur</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board.
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request to provide stoppage of Ayodhya Express (16793 / 16794 ) at Pudukottai</b>
	<b>Response:</b> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted.

<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request for resumption of Antyodaya Express between Tirunelveli and Chennai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No.16191 / 16192 Tambaram – Nagercoil Anthodaya express has resumed operations on 26.04.2021 ex.Tambaram and on 27.04.2021 ex.Nagercoil.
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request for direct train service between Rameswaram-Chennai-New Delhi</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board.
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Recognition to Railway Users Committee in Pudukottai District and their inclusion in the Railway Advisor Committee.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Matter pertains to Railway board
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Increasing the frequency of Rameswaram-Combatore Express from Weekly to daily train (16617-16618)</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The rake of Train No.16617 / 16618 Rameswaram – Coimbatore Express is integrated with Train No.16613 / 16614 Coimbatore-Rajkot Express, hence increase in its frequency is not feasible.
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request for introduction of new train between Rameswaram-Bangalore-Hyderabad</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted. Train No.07685 / 07686 Secunderabad-Rameswaram holiday special has been introduced with effect from 19.10.2021.
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Diversion of Rameswaram-Tirupati Express via Karaikudi and Pudukottai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No.16779 16780 RMM-TPTY express is routed via Madurai for the benefit of pilgrims visiting this temple town. Diverting the train via Karaikudi will deprive existing users.
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Diversion of Rameswaram-Mumbai Express via Karaikudi and Pudukottai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> There is no such service between Rameswaram and Mumbai.

21.0	<b>Provision of facilities in the Pudukottai Junction – Retiring / Rest Rooms, Scooter/Cycle Stand, Toilets, Lighting, ATM facilities, Digital Coach Position Indicator in all the platforms, Staircase in western side</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Lighting facilities are provided as per the prescribed standard and ensured that all are in working condition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Pudukottai is NSG-5 category station. At present, no retiring rooms available at Pudukottai and there is no proposal to construct retiring rooms at Pudukottai since less footfall.</li> <li>b) Waiting hall is available with an area of 100.8 sqm against the norms of 30 sqm. Upper class waiting room is also available with an area of 22 sqm.</li> <li>c) Pudukottai has been provided with Cycle-Scooter-Car parking with an area of 300 Sqm.</li> <li>d) Toilet facility is available in PF1 at Pudukottai for Gents and Ladies separately. Divyangjan Toilet is also available at Pudukottai. One prefabricated toilet block has been constructed recently in the circulating area</li> <li>e) At present, no ATM facility available at Pudukottai.: Indian Bank and Canara Bank ATMs were removed by Bank authorities since poor usage by public. No response received for the tenders floated during the last 4 times (25.01.19, 22.10.19, 28.01.20 &amp; 11.11.20)</li> <li>f) Manual Coach indication boards will be provided on top priority. As recommended by Hon'ble MP, tender for the provision of Coach indication boards at Pudukottai is under process.</li> <li>g) On Western side goods PF is available and no authorized entry for passengers is provided on that side. As there is no approach road on Western side, no stairway to FOBs planned / provided</li> </ul>

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	<b>Shri P. Velusamy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Dindigul Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request for restoration of Meter Gauge Trains from Coimbatore to Pollachi via Palani and Dindigul</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coimbatore - Rameswaram.</li> <li>• Coimbatore - Thoothukudi.</li> <li>• Coimbatore - Madurai.</li> <li>• Coimbatore - Kollam.</li> </ul>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of trains new trains (erstwhile MG trains) are vested with Railway Board.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to transfer Kinathukadavu and Pollachi Railway stations from Palakkad Division to Madurai Division.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Jurisdiction of Railway divisions are decided on operational consideration and not based on state boundaries.
<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>TRAIN DEMANDS</u></b>
	<b>(i) Tirunelveli-Coimbatore-Tirunelveli Weekly Express via Amabasamudrum, Tenkasi, Rajapalayam, Madurai, Pollachi duly using Bilaspur idle rake on Thursday and Fridays respectively</b>
	<b>(ii) Request for extension of Train No.56821/56822 Mayiladuthurai-Dindigul Fast passenger upto Sengottai by merging with Train No.56731/56732 Sengottai-Madurai Passenger as Mayiladuthurai-Sengottai Express.</b>
	<b>(iii) Request to operate morning passenger from Dindigul to Coimbatore which is proposed on IRTTC 2021.</b>
	<b>(iv) Request to introduce new intercity train service from Coimbatore to Madurai (4 service per day)</b>
	<b>(v) Request for extension of 04815/16 Bhagat Ki Kothi-Tiruchchappaly -Humsafar upto Madurai via Dindigul</b>
	<b>(vi) Request for provision of more MEMU coaches for Madurai Division to connect Nagercoil, Tiruchi, Pollachi and Dindigul from Madurai</b>

	<b>(vii) Request for Mangalore-Rameswaram daily overnight train service via Coimbatore, Pollachi and Dindigul</b>
	<b>(viii) Request to divert 19603/04 Rameswaram-Ajmer Humsafar Express via Madurai, Dindigul</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Requests of the Hon'ble MP are noted. Powers for introduction of trains new trains (including erstwhile MG trains), diversion and extension of existing trains are vested with Railway Board.
	<b>(ix) Request to introduce a new daily Jan Shatabdi train between Coimbatore and Nagercoil</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of trains new trains (including erstwhile MG trains), diversion and extension of existing trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Madurai-Punalur overnight express to Velankanni via Dindigul</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request for train service from Coimbatore-Chennai Egmore via Podnur, Pollachi, Udumalpet, Palani, Dindigul, Tiruchi and Villupuram</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request to run 16339/16340 Nagercoil-Mumbai Express via Dindigul Train to run daily which is running four days per week</b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Chennai-Hyderabad Train to Kanyakumari via Tirunelveli</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of trains new trains (including erstwhile MG trains), diversion and extension of existing trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request to improve station facilities in the Holy City of Palani</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Palani is a NSG4 category station. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided at this station. The existing facilities are found adequate for the level of traffic dealt at present. This station was developed under Modern station scheme during 2009-10.
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request for provision Road Over Bridge for Chatrapatti in NH 209 National Highways.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>(i) Provision of ROB at Chatrappatti</u></b>  The demand for ROB construction in Chatrapatti is presumed to be in lieu of LC No.49 at Km 46/0-2 between Chatrappatti and Palani Stations in Dindigul and Pollachi section of Madurai Division.

	<p>Since this LC is located in the NH, in 2012 the NHAI has proposed 4 Lane ROB work in lieu of this LC No.49 at their cost on deposit terms. General Arrangement Drawings for the above ROB has been approved by Railways during August 2014 and communicated to NHAI on 07.10.2014. NHAI is yet to commence this ROB work.</p> <p>Further, it is to state that, as per MOU executed between Ministry of Railways (MoR) and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on 10.11.2014, all the LCs fall in the NH have to be eliminated by construction of ROB/RUBs by MoRTH/NHAI at their cost.</p> <p><b><u>(ii) Provision of ROB at Aayakudi</u></b></p> <p>The demand for ROB construction in Aayakudi is presumed to be in lieu of LC No.56 at Km 52/9-10 between Chatrappatti and Palani Stations in Dindigul and Pollachi section of Madurai Division.</p> <p>Since this LC is located in the NH, in 2012 the NHAI has proposed 4 Lane ROB in lieu of this LC at their cost on Deposit terms. General Arrangement Drawings for the above ROB has been approved by Railways during August 2014 and communicated to NHAI on 07.10.2014. NHAI is yet to commence this ROB work.</p> <p><b><u>(iii) Provision of ROB at Thalayuthu</u></b></p> <p>The demand for ROB construction in Thalayuthu is presumed to be in lieu of LC No.68 at Km 67/12-13 between Palani Stations and Pushapattur in Dindigul and Pollachi section of Madurai Division.</p> <p>Since this LC is located in the NH, in 2012 the NHAI has proposed 4 Lane ROB in lieu of this LC at their cost on deposit terms. General Arrangement Drawings for the above ROB has been approved by Railways during August 2014 and communicated to NHAI on 07.10.2014. NHAI is yet to commence this ROB work.</p>
<p><b>10.0</b></p>	<p><b>Request for construction of new BG railway line from Palani to Erode (via) Dharapuram</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The total length of the project is 91.05 km. The abstract cost of the project is Rs.288.87 Cr. The Project has been frozen by Railway Board vide letter No.2007/W-1/NL/SR/ED dated 06.07.2011 and reconfirmed by Railway Board letter No.2007/W-1/NL/SR/ED dated 05.02.2013. This project is kept in abeyance as per Railway Board's D.O. letter No.2019/W-1/Genl/Budget/1 dt.26.09.19</p>

11.0	<b>Request to speed up Railway Electrification works in Dindigul-Palani-Palakkad Town Sections</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Railway Electrification works in Palakkad-Pollachi-Palani and Dindigul-Palani section are targeted to complete in mission 100% electrification and will be completed before March 2023.</p> <p>As per the current progress the Railway Electrification work on railway side that is in section between Palakkad-Pollachi-Palani is targeted in Jan 2022 and the section between Dindigul-Palani in June 2022.</p> <p>For giving supply arrangement to the Railway Traction substations, transmission lines from TNEB portion are to be completed. The details are as follows:</p> <p><b><u>For Palakkad-Pollachi-Palani Section commissioning of Gomangalam (GMGM)/TSS is essential:</u></b></p> <p>EMD payment done and Estimate cost of Rs.7,73,65,740/- paid to TANGEDCO on 27.01.21 for supply and erection of single circuit over head Transmission line for 4.9 Km from 110 KV SS Udumalaipet to Gomangalam/TSS. This transmission line have 21 towers. As on date, tower foundation work 11 numbers completed and tower erection not yet commenced. Right of Way (ROW) issues for Tower No.1&amp;2 - falls under Hindi Religious and Charitable Endowment department (HR&amp;CE) owned land, Tower no.16, 17 &amp; 18 – falls inside Private premises (M/s.Lakshmi mills) is seeking huge compensation.</p> <p>Meeting with MD/TANTRANSCO was held on 31.08.21 - During the meeting it was committed by MD to complete transmission line work of GMGM in Dec. 21.</p> <p><b><u>For Dindigul-Palani section commissioning of Palani(PLNI)/TSS is essential</u></b></p> <p>EMD payment done and estimate cost of Rs.14,14,38,400/- TANTRANSCO on 27.02.21. Transmission line through UG cabling for 3.5 km from 110 KV SS Palani to Palani/TSS. Tender opened at HQ/TANTRANSCO is under finalisation is July '21 (Tender opened on 25.06.21 and negotiation done for exorbitant rates quoted by bidders)  Meeting with MD/TANTRANSCO was held on 31.08.21 – During the meeting it was committed by MD to finalise the tender and to complete transmission line work of PALANI in March'22.</p>



<b>12.0</b>	<b>Request to urgently provide stoppage at Oddanchatram Railway Station from Madurai-Trivandrum-Madurai 'AMRITA' daily express</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage for T. Nos. 16344/16343 Thiruvananthapuram – Madurai - Thiruvananthapuram Amritha Express at Oddanchatram was recommended to the Railway Board
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request to replace Chennai-Palakkad-Coimbatore Express with modern compartments.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> In a phased manner, all ICF design coaches will be replaced by LHB Coaches. Allotment of new LHB Coaches to Zonal Railways is done by Railway Board based on the Coach Production Program. Based on that, Railways will induct new Coaches
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request for separate train from Coimbatore to Chennai Egmore via Pollachi, Palani, Dindigul, Tiruchi, Villupuram</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Requests of the Hon'ble MP are noted. Powers for introduction of trains new trains (including erstwhile MG trains), diversion and extension of existing trains are vested with Railway Board.
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request for stoppage of Train Nos. 1) 16105-16106 (TCN Chennai Express), 2) 16127-16128 (Guruvayur Chennai Express) &amp; 3) 12693-12694 Muthunagar Express at Kodai Road.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The stoppage of above trains at Kodai Road has been eliminated because of poor patronage.

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Madurai Division on 18.11.2021**

	<b>Shri S. Venkatesan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Madurai Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to convert Koodal Nagar Station into II terminal</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Madurai coaching terminal is adequately serving the traffic needs over the area. Provision of a second coaching terminal at Kudalnagar is not necessitated for the present.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to install Fish Symbol of Pandiya King in front of Madurai Junction</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This will be provided.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request for Foot Over Bridge or any other suitable mode of conveyance between Madurai Junction and Mangammal Sathiram</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The Hon'ble MP has requested for provision of Foot Over Bridge (FOB) across West Veli Street connecting Madurai Railway Station's circulating area to Mangamma Sathiram on the opposite side where bus stop is located. The Sky-walk arrangement requested by the Hon'ble MP is on Corporation land and such Sky-walk for public movement shall normally be provided by local authority / State Government. Hon'ble MP may please approach the Madurai Corporation for provision of such Sky-walk / FOB as being done by Chennai Corporation in Chennai area. However, feasibility of this arrangement and funding by Madurai Corporation will be studied during re-development work of Madurai Railway Station.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request to change the name of Tejas Express as Tamil Sangam Express and include Tamil and English languages also</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for naming trains is vested with Railway Board.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request to provide stoppage of Tejas Express in both directions of Tambaram Station and announce this train as unreserved passenger train</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Provision of stoppage at Tambaram for T. No. 22671/22672 MS-MDU-MS Tejas Express has been recommended to Railway Board. Tejas Express is a fully air-conditioned premium train and is fully reserved as per the extant policy of Railway Board.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request to start Madurai-Bodinayakkanur-Theni-Chennai Express</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Proposal for extension of T. No. 20601 /20602 Chennai Central - Madurai Tri-weekly Express to Bodinayakanur has been submitted to Railway Board in IRTTC 2021.

7.0	<b>Request for provision of separate coaches for Physically Challenged people and ladies in Pandian and Nellai Super Fast Trains</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present T.No.12631/12632(02631/02632) MS-TEN Nellai Exp and 12661/12662/02661/62) MS-SCT Podigai Express and T.No.12638/12637 (02637/38) MS-MDU Pandiyan Express are provided with LSLRD coach which has provision for differently abled passengers.</p>
8.0	<b><u>NEW TRAINS FROM MADURAI</u></b>
	<b>(i) Madurai-Bangalore daily Express via Dindigul, Salem, Bangarpet and Krishnarajapuram</b>
	<b>(ii) Tuticorin-Coimbatore Fast Passenger</b>
	<b>(iii) Rameshwaram-Coimbatore Fast Passenger</b>
	<b>(iv) Madurai-Velankanni via Trichi, Tanjore, Nagapattinam and Nagore</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The requests of the Hon'ble MP are noted. Powers for introduction of trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
	<b>(v) Diesel, Electrical Multiple Unit between Virudhunagar-Madurai-Dindigul</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Conventional passenger trains are being progressively replaced by MEMU's.</p>
	<b>(vi) Conversion of Kanniyakumari-Puducherry via Madurai weekly express as daily express</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16861/16862 Puducherry – Kanniyakumari (Weekly) Express runs in an integrated link with Train no. 22605/22606 Purulia – Villupuram (Weekly) Express having primary maintenance at Villupuram. The lie over time available is not adequate for increasing its frequency.</p>
	<p><b>(vii) Request to run following trains as suburban electric trains</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Madurai-Manamadurai</li> <li>b. Madurai-Dindigul</li> <li>c. Madurai-Theni</li> <li>d. Madurai-Virudhunagar</li> <li>e. Madurai-Senkottai (Fast Passengers)</li> </ol>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The passenger trains running in these section will be converted into MEMU trains progressively.</p>

<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request to increase unreserved coaches in Super Fast / Express Trains</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Running of GS coaches Mail/Express/SF trains as reserved coaches was a decision taken based on Covid Pandemic restrictions of the Central Government. These restrictions are being relaxed. So far, we have introduced fully unreserved suburban services, 65 fully unreserved express specials and 31 partly unreserved Mail/Express/SF reserved services. More de-reserved services are planned in phased manner.</p>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>NEW PROJECTS</b>
	<b>(i) New Line between Dindigul and Karaikudi</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Karaikkuudi and Dindigul via Nattam) was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 06/07/2015. ROR: (-) 10.647% The Abstract Cost of the Project is: Rs.1314.29 Cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board.</p>
	<b>(ii) Sabarimalai Railway Project</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Kumuli - Sabarimala and Dindigul - Sabarimala via Devakkottai and Ramanathapuram (214.81 km) was sanctioned by railway Board. Field Survey has been completed. The Survey Report will be sent to Railway Board after completing the administrative procedure.</p>
	<b>iii) Madurai-Melur-Karaikudi New Project</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Madurai - Melur -Karaikkudi New line Project (85.7 km) was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 27/11/2014. ROR(-) 7.742%. The abstract Cost of the Project: Rs.649.5 Cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board.</p>
	<b>iv) Madurai-Manapparai via Melu-Kottampatti-Singampunari</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  There is no proposal in this regard.</p>

	<b>v) Request to construct Underground Subway from Platform No.1 of Madurai Railway Junction to connect newly constructed Periyar City Bus Stand</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The arrangement requested is being studied for its feasibility during the re-development work of Madurai Railway Station.  A preliminary meeting is conducted with Madurai Corporation by KITCO the designer for re-development of Madurai Station.
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request to utilise Railway Land of 250 acres in Nilaiyur, Madurai District for the development of new terminus</b>
	<b><u>Response</u></b> Land is required for future developmental works of Railways and new terminus at Nilaiyur is not found feasible at this juncture.
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Request to restore Mahal Express and start from Chennai at 10.30 PM</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Departure time of T.No.22623 Chennai Egmore- Madurai Bi-Weekly Express Ex. Chennai Egmore is changed as 22.05 hrs and its arrival at Madurai is 08.00 hrs.
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request to convert Madurai-Chennai Toronto Express running Bi-weekly Express to daily</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Increasing the frequency of T.No.20601/20602 Chennai Central-Madurai Tri Weekly Express to daily is not feasible due to terminal constraints at Chennai Central.
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request to regulate Car and Two Wheeler Parking in Madurai Railway Junction</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The station is provided with control entry and exit facility with proper parking zone. Earlier, 5 minutes time is given for cars to drop and go. After further study, from the last month the time limit is increased to 7 minutes.
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request to restore Karupatti and Kizhmadurai Stations and provide stoppage of the trains at these stations</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Karupatti is a Halt station situated between Sholavandan Vadipatti stations in MDU-DG section, closed due to poor patronage. There is no operational requirement for provision of a crossing station at Karupatti as of now.  The Madurai East station (Kizhmadurai) is a CNC station situated between

	Madurai Jn and Silaiman in Madurai-MNM section, and stoppage is now given for Madurai Rameswaram unreserved expresses.
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Request to transfer Pollachi Junction under Madurai Division</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Divisional jurisdictions on Indian Railway are not decided as per the State boundaries and are done as per operational convenience and requirements.
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Request to give Action Taken Report to the Hon'ble MPs whose constituencies are served by Tiruchchirappalli and Madurai Divisions on 04.09.2019 at Tiruchchirappalli</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Action taken report as requested is provided as a separate booklet to Hon'ble MP.
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request for current status of Vanchimaniyachi-Nagercoil Kanyakumari-Trivandrum Doubling Projects.</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Doubling between Vanchimaniyachi-Tirunelveli has been commissioned. It is proposed to commission the double line from Valliyur to Aralvaimozhi by Feb.2022. Double line from Tirunelveli-Valliyur and Aralvaimozhi-Nagercoil section proposed to commission during financial year 2022-23.
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Request for provision of stoppage of Madurai-Thiruvananthapuram Amirtha Express (T.No.16344/16343 TVC-MDU) at Ottanchathiram Station</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Southern Railway has recommended provision of stoppages for T.Nos.16344/16343 Tiruvananthapuram-Madurai-Tiruvananthapuram Amritha Express at Oddanchatram to Railway
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request to restore Season Tickets for Students and Workers</b>
	<b>Response:</b> Season ticket facilities have already been resumed. Presently, 16 Unreserved Specials are running across MDU Division. Further, Introduction of Unreserved services with GS/2S coaches in fully reserved Specials is also being done, in 6 trains over MDU Division. Season ticket holders can avail this facility.

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	<b>Shri Vaiko, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request for provision of stoppage of Train No.02667 (Nagercoil-Coimbatore Special) at Kovilpatti.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage at Kovilpatti for T.No.02667 Nagercoil-Coimbatore Express specials has been examined in detail and it is informed that stoppage at Kovilpatti for T.No.02667/02668 Nagercoil - Coimbatore - Nagercoil Express Specials has been provided with effect from 05.11.2021.

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