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2.	Shri S. Gnanathiraviam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, (Lok Sabha), Tirunelveli Constituency
3.	Ms. S. Jothimani, Hon'ble of Member Parliament, (Lok Sabha), Karur Constituency
4.	Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, (Lok Sabha), Thoothukudi Constituency
5.	Shri Karti P. Chidambaram, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, (Lok Sabha), Sivaganga Constituency
6.	Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha), Mavelikkara Constituency
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8.	Shri K. Navaskani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, (Lok Sabha), Ramanathapuram Constituency
9.	Shri P.R. Natarajan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, (Lok Sabha) Coimbatore Constituency
10.	Shri N.K. Premachandran, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha), Kollam Constituency
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13.	Shri K. Subbarayan, Hon'ble Member Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tiruppur Constituency
14.	Shri Su Thirunavukkarasar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, (Lok Sabha), Tiruchchirappalli Constituency
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16.	Shri S. Venkatesan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament , (Lok Sabha), Madurai Constituency
17.	Shri M.M. Abdulla, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, (Rajya Sabha)
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19.	Shri R. Dharmar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, (Rajya Sabha)
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CHAPTER-1

Highlights on Major Achievements of Southern Railway

Southern Railway have been progressing steadfastly with an aim to provide hassle free & secured travel for our passengers with modern user friendly amenities along with punctual running of trains. In the Current year 2023-24 too, Southern Railway has continued its momentum on growth path on all fronts namely Revenue, Loading, Safety, Punctuality, Project Commissioning and Passenger Amenities. I would like to share with you few of the important achievements.

Being a passenger oriented railway, we accord highest priority to the safety, security and convenience of passengers. Southern Railway has bagged the Inter Railway “**Safety Shield**” and “**Commercial Shield**” for the year 2023.

During 2023-24, upto date, Southern Railway has achieved gross revenue of Rs.9482 Crores, which is 5% higher than the corresponding period of last year.

Southern Railway has loaded 35 Million Tonnes goods till date as against 32 Million Tonnes during the same period in 2022-23. With the present trend, we are likely to achieve 42 Million Tonnes for the year 2023-24, which will be almost 10% higher than the last year.

Southern Railway has been able to maintain above 90% punctuality despite increase in the number of trains and originating passenger traffic by 13%.

In line with the aspirations of our esteemed passengers, we have introduced 7 Pairs of Vande Bharat trains across Southern Railway during this year, running at maximum speed of 130 kmph to reach the destination faster with modern comforts. During festival season, we operated about 90 Vande Bharat special trains over and above the regular ones.

Southern Railway has run 56 Bharat Gaurav pilgrimage trains with modern LHB coaches and has converted 17 trains with LHB coaches during the year 2023 with potential to run at a maximum speed of 130 kmph.

As part of ambitious Amrit Station Scheme of upgradation, important stations with modern facilities, works of major redevelopment of stations are progressing at 13 stations namely Egmore, Katpadi, Puducherry, Madurai, Rameswaram, Kanniyakumari, Ernakulam Jn, Ernakulam Town, Kollam, Kozhikode and Varkala Sivagiri stations.

Besides, Modernization & upgradation of stations under "Amrit Station Scheme" is progressing at 93 stations in Southern Railway and their Phase I works have been planned for completion by April 2024 for most of the stations.

For enhancing passenger amenities, the work of 18 Foot Over Bridges and Raising of 16 platforms have been completed till Dec'2023.

In the days to come, many infra works and passenger amenity works are going to be completed.

The Infrastructure augmentation works relating to New line, Doubling, Tripling and Quadrupling of railway lines across southern Railway are in full swing.

- The double line between Nagercoil Town to Kanniyakumari, Aralvaimoli to Nagercoil Jn and Tirunelveli to Melapalayam will be completed by Feb.2024
- Jokatte–Thokur doubling will be completed by March 2024.
- 4th line between Chennai Beach-Egmore will be completed by March 2024.
- Karaikal-Peralam and Chinnasalem-Kallakurichi new line will be completed in June 2024.

The speed of Chennai - Arakkonam-Jolarpettai section which is part of Coimbatore and Bangalore Vande Bharat Train has been raised to 130 Kmph. In addition, speed of 8 more routes has been raised to 110 kmph. We have planned to raise speed on 12 more sections to 110 kmph.

As part of Mission 100% Railway Electrification, 216 Route km was electrified in Southern Railway in 2023, and with this, 91.3% of network in Southern Railway has got electrified totalling 4608 electrified Rkm up to 31.12.2023.

Track improvement works carried out during 2023-24 include highest ever progress in the area of Tamping of track, Points & Crossings, Deep screening track and many more track works. Further, 32 nos. of Road over bridges, Road under bridges and Limited height subways, as well as 83 nos. of Railway bridges have been completed and 33 nos of Manned LCs are eliminated up to Dec.2023.

During the current year, 7 stations were provided with Electronic interlocking system and 20 LC Gates were also interlocked thereby enhancing the safety of road users.

During 2023-24, about 600 offenders were arrested with the recovery of railway property of Rs.48 lakhs and about 400 offenders were arrested with recovery of

passenger belongings worth Rs.1.20 crores. RPF Team have also rescued about 1215 runaway children and handed over to the concerned civil authorities. Hawala money and gold/silver valued about Rs.15 crores were seized with the arrest of 43 persons. 307 persons were arrested for possession of contraband articles like tobacco/liquor valued at Rs.15 crores. About 70,000 offenders were arrested under various sections of Railways Act. With the swift action of RPF, lives of 27 were saved from death.

The Southern Railway Headquarters Hospital in Chennai, has achieved a significant milestone by initiating Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) therapy in July 2023 for the first time in Indian Railways.

A renovated Operation Theatre Complex at Divisional Railway Hospital, Golden Rock was inaugurated benefiting the employees.

A total of 10,310 fresh appointments have been given during the year 2023-24 up to December 2023. In addition, 202 appointments were made through Compassionate Grounds.

Chapter - 2

OVERVIEW OF MADURAI DIVISION

Madurai Division was formed on 16.05.1956. The division extends over 13 districts of Tamilnadu viz. Madurai, Dindigul, Karur, Tenkasi, Tirunelveli, Virudunagar, Tuticorin, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram, Pudukkottai, Tirupur, Tiruchchirappalli, Theni and 1 district of Kerala viz. Kollam. The Division serves 14 Lok Sabha constituencies.

The Division comprises 1295 route kms and 1629 track km. The division with 140 railway stations is mostly flat with only one ghat section between Sengottai and Punalur. It serves the major port namely the V.O.Chidambaranar Port at Tuticorin and have sidings serving SPIC at Milavittan, TAFE at Vadipatti, Sankar Cement at Talaiyuthu, HPCL at Tiruparankundram and Ramco Cement at Tulukkapatti.

The important outward commodities are Cement, Coal, Limestone, Fertilizer, Charcoal, Tractors, Container, Gypsum and inward commodities are rice, paddy, wheat, maize, sugar, molasses, cement, fertilizer, pet coke, container, clinker, steel, POL. There are 15 Goods sheds and 7 Sidings in the Division. Good sheds at Kudalnagar, Tirunelveli, Dindigul and Milavittan are working round the clock. Major parcel offices are Madurai, Dindigul, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Rameswaram and Virudunagar. The Division has 4 coaching depots at Madurai, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin and Rameswaram.

The area served by Madurai Division represents the traditional centers of Tamil language, art and culture. It has a very large number of pilgrimage centers and other places of tourist interest viz. Madurai, Tiruparankundram, Srivilliputtur, Rameswaram, Sankarankoil, Palani, Tiruchendur, Tenkasi, Aryankavu, Kulathupuzha, Kottarakara, Kodaikkanal, Courtallam, Karaikkudi, Thirumayam, Suruli falls, Dhanushkodi, Papanasam.

In this financial year, 2023-24, the over all earnings of the Division registered a growth of 11.40 percentage compared to corresponding period last year. In this financial year upto January, the revenue earnings of the Division touched Rs.986.59 Crores, in 2022- 23 it was Rs. 885.66 Crore.

Revenue earnings from the goods has registered 14.99 percent growth during this financial year. The revenue earnings of the Division from the goods in this financial period up to January was Rs.305.69 Crore. In 2022-23, it was Rs.265.85 Crore.

The Division handled 2.73 Million Tonnes of Goods during this financial year up to January 2024 and it was 2.42 Million Tonnes during the corresponding period in 2022-23.

The Division handled 8.79 million passengers in this financial year up to January 2024 and earned the revenue of Rs. 606.73 Crore. This registered a growth of 8.97 percentage compared to the last year earnings Rs. 556.77 crore.

The revenue earnings from other coaching including Parcel handling of the Division during the financial year upto January 2024 was Rs. 44.92 crore and the sundry earnings of the Division was Rs. 29.25 Lakhs.

In Madurai Division, at present 85% of route kilometer has been electrified. The work between Edaman and Bhagavathipuram and Madurai-Bodinayakkanur is targeted for March 2024.

Name of Constituency: TENKASI
Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri Dhanush M. Kumar
(Stations served under Madurai Division)

Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Electrification	Tenkasi-Tirunelveli (79.85 km), Virudunagar-Sengottai-Bhagavathipuram (136.36 km) section completed.
2	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Platform raising	Pambakovil Shandy station PF No.1 and 2 & Srivilliputtur station PF No. 2 raising work Completed.
b)	Drinking water facility	Sengottai station - Improvements to watering arrangements work completed.
c)	Catering Units	Catering stall at Tenkasi & Multi purpose stall at Rajapalayam.
d)	Platform Shelter	Provision of Platform Shelter at TSI 3 bays in PF 1& 4, PBKS 3 bays 2 nos in PF -1 & SVPR (PF-2 completed)
e)	Provision of benches	Stainless steel Benches provided at Tenkasi station - 200 seats (20nos x 10 seater) & Sengottai station -200 seats (20 nos x 10 seater).
f)	Toilet block	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-fabricated Toilets at circulating areas of Cheranmahadevi, Kadayanallur, Sengottai, Srivilliputtur, Rajapalayam, Sankarankovil & Tenkasi. • Normal pay and use toilets at Tenkasi & Rajapalayam. • Srivilliputtur station – Divyangjan toilet block has been completed at PF No.1.

g)	Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Scooter Car Parking Stand at Srivilliputtur, Kadayanallur, Pavurchathiram, Sengottai & Rajapalayam • Cycle Scooter & Car Parking Stand at Tenkasi.
h)	ATM Facility	ATM facility at Tenkasi.
i)	ROB /RUB/LUS	Foot Over Bridge at Pambakovil Shandy Srivilliputtur & Kadayanallur stations completed.
j)	Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting arrangements in Divyang toilets at Kadayanallur, Pambukovil shandy, Pavurchatram, Kizhapuliyur • Provision of lights in FOB at Pambukovil Shandy, Srivilliputtur.
k)	Other important works	Installation of One station one Product stall at Tenkasi & Srivilliputtur stations & Provision of Monumental Flag at Tenkasi station has been completed.
l)	Lifts	Civil work for one lift at Srivilliputtur station is completed.
3	Station redevelopment	Kadayanallur station has been developed under Adharsh station scheme.
4	Introduction of new train	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of T.No. 16328/16327 Guruvayur - Punalur - Guruvayur Express to Madurai with effect from 28.8.2023. • Train No.20683/20684 Tambaram - Sengottai -Tambaram Superfast Express introduced as Weekly w.e.f 08.04.2023. Operated as Tri-weekly w.e.f 01.06.2023.
5	Extension of train	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No. 16847/16848 Mayiladuthurai - Dindigul Express to Sengottai from 12.11.2022. • Extension of Train No. 16845/16846 Erode -Tirunelveli Daily Unreserved Express up to Sengottai from 24.01.24.
6	Stoppages provided	Train No.16791 TEN-PGT Express provided stoppage at Pavurchatram with effect from 19.07.2023.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks/Status
1	Electrification	Bhagavathipuram-Edamann (33 km) is under Electrification. PDC- March 24.
2	Lift	Provision of two no's of lifts each at Tenkasi , Rajapalayam and Sengottai stations and one number of Lift at Sankarankovil station. TDC: 31.03.24.
3	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Rajapalayam, Srivilliputtur, Sankarankovil, Kadayanallur, Pambukovil Shany, Sengottai,Bhagavathipuram, Pavurchatram, Kizhapuliyur, Mettur & Kilakadaiyamstations TDC: 30.04.24.
4.	Amrit Bharat station	Tenkasi, Srivilliputtur & Rajapalayam stations.
5.	ROB /RUB/LUS	Subway work in lieu of LC No.454 in Virudhunagar - Tenkasi section between Rajapalayam and Sankarankovil station is in progress. TDC: 31.03.24.
6.	Catering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contracts of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Catering stall at Kadayanallur ❖ Multipurpose stall at Tenkasi, Sengottai, Kadayanallur, E tender is scheduled to open on 18.03.24 for the provision of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Catering stall at Rajapalayam, Sengottai, Tenkasi (2 nos). ❖ Milk bar at Rajapalayam & Srivilliputhur. ❖ Juice Bar at Sengottai.

Name of Constituency: TIRUNELVELI
Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri S. Gnanathiraviam
(Stations served under Madurai Division)
Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Gauge conversion	Vanchi Maniyachchi - Tirunelveli – 28.90 km, work has been completed.
2	Electrification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gangaikondan-Tirunelveli (14.51 km) & Tirunelveli -Tiruchendur (61.30 km) section is completed Tirunelveli-Sengottai-Bhagavathipuram (79.85 km) section completed.
3	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Platform shelter	Tirunelveli Jn.: Provision of Platform Shelter for an area of 850sq.m (5 bays) in Platform No.1 & 1010 sq.m (6 bays) in Platform no.2 have been completed.
b)	Provision of light and fan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fans and Lights have been provided for new covered shelters at PF 1 & PF 2/3 in Tirunelveli Junction. Lighting arrangements in Divyang toilets at Tirunelveli town, Kizhakadaiyam, Mettur Lights, fans & cell phone charging points provided in PF shelters at Tirunelveli.
c)	Provision of benches	Stainless steel Benches have been provided in Tirunelveli-150 seats (15 nos, x 10 seater) Ambasamudram-50 seats (5 nos x 10 seater) Palayamkottai - 50 seats (5 nos x 10 seater) & Tirunelveli Town 20 seats (2 nos x 10 seater).
d)	Catering	Multipurpose stall and Catering stall at PF 1,2 & 3 of Tirunelveli.

e)	Toilet block	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefabricated toilets at circulating areas of Tirunelveli, Ambasamudram, Gangaikondan, Kallidaikurichi, Palayamkottai, & Tirunelveli stations • Normal Pay & Use Toilet on PF 1, 2 & 3 of Tirunelveli. • Divyangjan toilet work at Gangaikondan & Talayuthu stations have been completed.
f)	ROB /RUB/LUS	Subway constructed & commissioned in lieu of LC no.37 in Tirunelveli - Tenkasi section between Tirunelveli-Cheranmahadevi stations.
g)	Parking Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Scooter Car Parking stand at Ambasamudram, Kallidaikkurichi, Tirunelveli Town and Tirunelveli Stations. • Cycle Scooter Parking Stand at Tirunelveli.
h)	Sectional speed	<p>Tirunelveli-Palayamkottai-6.50 km speed raised to 110 kmph</p> <p>Tirunelveli-Cheranmahadevi-19 km speed raised from 70 to 110 kmph.</p>
i)	Other works	Installation of One station one Product stall has been installed at Tirunelveli station & Provision of Monumental Flag at Tirunelveli station.
4	Introduction of new train	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.20665/20666 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli -Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express (6 days a week) (w.e.f 25/27/09.2023) • Train No.20683/20684 Tambaram -Sengottai -Tambaram Superfast Express introduced as Weekly w.e.f 08.04.2023. Operated as Tri-weekly w.e.f 01.06.2023.
5	Extension of train	Extension of Train No. 16845/16846 Erode - Tirunelveli Daily Unreserved Express up to Sengottai from 24.01.2024.
6	Stoppages provided	Train No.16792 PGT-TEN Express provided stoppage at Kilakadayam with effect from 19.07.2023.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks/Status
1	Raising of platform	Gangaikondan station Platform No. 2 & 3. TDC: 31.05.24.
2	Extension of platform	Gangaikondan station Platform No. 2 & 3 TDC: 31.05.24.
3	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Talaiyuthu, Palayamkottai, Cheranmahadevi, Ambasamudram, Gangaikondan, Ravanasamudram & Pettai stations TDC: 30.04.24.
4	Catering units	E auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contract of ❖ Catering stall @ Cheranmahadevi ❖ Multipurpose stall Palayamkottai & Pettai stations.
5	Toilet Block	Contract awarded for building toilets at Tirunelveli under BOT. Plan is under finalization.
6	Station redevelopment	Tirunelveli station is identified for redevelopment and work awarded to M/s.AXYKNO Capital services Pvt Ltd for preparation of Detailed Project Report by CN.
7	Amrit Bharat station	Tiruchendur Station.
8	Other important works	Tirunelveli Jn. - Yard re-modelling work is in progress by RVNL.

Name of Constituency: KARUR
Name of Hon'ble MP : Ms. S. Jothimani
(Stations served under Madurai Division)
Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No.	Item	Remarks / Status
1.	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Toilet block	Pre-fabricated toilet has been completed at Manaparai station circulating area.
b)	Other important works	Installation of One station One product stall has been completed at Manaparai station.
c)	ROB /RUB/LUS	Subway work has been completed in-lieu of LC No.276 in Tiruchchirappalli-Dindigul section between Kolatur - Manaparai stations.
d)	Lifts	Civil work for Lift completed at Manaparai Station at Platform 1 and Platform 2&3.
2.	Extension of train	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train No. 16847/16848 Mayiladuthurai (W.E.F.12.11.2022). Dindigul Express to Sengottai.
3.	Stoppages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train No.12637 MS-MDU Express provided stoppage at Manaparai with effect from 19.07.2023.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No.	Item	Remarks/Status
1.	Platform shelter works	Manaparai station Provision of PF shelter 4 bays work is in progress.
2.	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Manaparai, Chettiapatti & Samudram stations.
3.	Amrit Bharat station	Karur and Namakkal stations.
4.	Catering stall	E-auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contract of Catering stall at Manaparai.

Name of Constituency: TUTICORIN

Name of Hon'ble MP : Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi

(Stations served under Madurai Division)

Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1.	New line	Milavittan - Melamarudur -17.75 km has been completed.
2.	Doubling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nalli-VanchiManiyachchi - Milavittan – 79.30 km completed.• VanchiManiyachchi - Gangaikondan - 14.40 km completed.
3.	Electrification	Nalli-VanchiManiyachchi-Tuticorin (79.30 km) & Tiruchendur – Tirunelveli (61.30 km) completed.
4.	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Platform raising	Works completed at Kadambur, Srivaikundam, Arumuganeri & Tiruchendur stations.
b)	Provision of light and fan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighting arrangements in Divyang toilets at Nazaret, Aumuganeri, Alwartirunagari, Kachanavilai, Kizhambur, Seydunganallur, Srivaikundram, Thattankulam• Lights, fan and air circulator fan provided at Kovilpatti.• Approach road lights provided at Kovilpatti• Lights, fans & cell phone charging points provided in PF shelters at Kovilpatti, Tuticorin.• Provision of lights in FOB at Srivaikundram, Arumuganeri.
c)	Provision of benches	Stainless steel Benches have been provided in Tuticorin-100 seats (10 nos x 10 seater), Arumuganeri - 50 seats (5 nos x 10 seater), Tiruchendur - 50 seats(5 nos x 10 seater), Alwar Tirunagari - 30 seats (3 nos x 10 seater) & Kovilpatti- 100 seats (10 nos x 10 seater).

d)	Toilet block	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-fabricated Toilets at circulating areas of Kachchanavilai, Kayalpattinam, Kurumbur, Nazareth & Kovilpatti stations. • Normal Pay & Use toilet on PF1 at Tiruchendur and Kovilpatti.
e)	ATM Facility	ATM facility at Tiruchendur
f)	Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Scooter Car Parking Stand at Kurumbur, near Nazareth Bus Stand & Kovilpatti. • Cycle scooter parking at Tuticorin.
g)	ROB /RUB/LUS	Foot Over Bridge at Milavittan, Srivaikuntam, Arumuganeri & Kadambur completed.
g)	Other important works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of One station one Product stalls at Tutcorin, Kovilpatti and Tiruchendur stations completed • Provision of Monumental Flag at Tuticorin Station completed.
h)	Catering	Multi purpose stall at Tuticorin, platform stall at Tiruchendur Catering stall at Kovilpatti has been awarded and the Licensee is yet to open the stall.
5.	Raising of speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nalli-VanchiManiyachchi-48 km speed raised to 110 kmph • Vanchi Maniyachchi - Gangaikondan - 14.40 km speed raised to 110 kmph. • Palayamkottai-Tiruchendur -55 km speed raised to 110 kmph. • Cheranmahadevi-Ambasamudram-15.50 km speed raised from 70 to 110 kmph.
6.	Stoppages provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.19568 OKHA-TN Express Express provided stoppage at Kovilpatti with effect from 29.07.2023. • Train No.22629 DR-TEN Express provided stoppage at Kovilpatti with effect from 28.07.2023. • Train No.16729 MDU - PUU Express provided stoppage at Kovilpatti with effect from 21.09.2023 • Train No.16730 PUU-MDU Express provided stoppage at Kovilpatti with effect from 21.09.2023.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No.	Item	Remarks/Status
1.	Doubling	Milavittan - Tuticorin - 7.50 km work is in progress.
2.	Raising of platform	Raising work is in progress Vanchi Maniyachchi Platform No.3,4 & 5, Kailasapuram Platform No.1, Tattapparai Platform No.1, Kadambur Platform No.1 & Naraikinar Platform No.2. TDC: 31.05.24.
3.	Extension of platform	Stations at Vanchi Maniyachchi Platform No.3,4 & 5, Kailasapuram Platform no.1, Tattapparai Platform no.1, Kadambur Platform No.1 & Naraikinar Platform no.2 extension works in progress. TDC: 31.05.24.
4.	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Kadambur, Vanchimaniyachchi, Tattapparai, Naraikkinar, Milavittan & Tuticorin stations TDC: 30.04.24.
5.	Catering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contracts of Catering stall @ Kurumbur, Nazareth, Srivaikuntam, Vanchimaniyachchi. E tender is scheduled to open on 18.03.24 for the provision of Catering stall & Milk bar at Tuticorin.
6.	Station redevelopment	Tuticorin Station is identified for redevelopment and fixing of Consultancy services for preparation of DPR is in progress by GS.
7.	Amrit Bharat station	Tiruchendur & Kovilpatti stations.

Name of Constituency: SIVAGANGA

**Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri Karti P. Chidambaram.
(Stations served under Madurai Division)**

Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Electrification	Tiruchchirappalli- Manamadurai (150.51 km) section completed.
2	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Toilet block	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-fabricated toilets at circulating areas of Karaikkudi, Kottaiyur, Chettinad, Devakottai road, Sivaganga, Kallal & Manamadurai stations• Normal pay & use toilets on PF 1 at Manamadurai.
b)	Provision of benches	Stainless steel benches at Karaikkudi - 140 seats (10 nos x 10 seater + 10 nos x 4 seater) have been installed.
c)	Platform raising works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chettinad station Platform No.2&3 & Melakkonnakulam station Platform No.-1,• Mekakonnakkulam Platform 1&3, Sivaganga Platform 2&3 and Kallal Platform 1 have been completed.
d)	Platform shelter	Provision of PF shelter at Devakottai station 2 bays in PF No -1 has been completed.
e)	ROB /RUB/LUS	Foot Over Bridge work at Tirumayam, Chettinad station & Tiruppachetti stations completed.
f)	Catering	Catering stall at Karaikkudi. Vegetarian Light Refreshment Stall (VLRS), NVTs (Non vegetarian tea stall (NVTs), PF stall & Multi purpose stall at Manamadurai.

g)	Lifts	The Civil work for four lifts, one at Sivaganga and other three at Karaikkudi station are completed.
h)	Parking Facility	Cycle Scooter Car Parking stand at Karaikkudi, Manamadurai & Sivaganga.
3	New trains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No. 16361/16362 Ernakulum - Velankanni (BW) Express (w.e.f 25.09.2023). • Train No.20683/20684 Tambaram - Sengottai-Tambaram Superfast Express introduced as Weekly w.e.f 08.04.2023. Operated as Tri- weekly w.e.f 01.06.2023.
4	Stoppages provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.16618 CBE-RMM Express provided stoppage at Sivaganga with effect from 19.07.2023. • Train No.22613 RMM-AYC Shraddha Sethu Express provided stoppage at Karaikkudi with effect from 25.09.2023. • Train No.22614 AYC-RMM Shraddha Sethu Express provided stoppage at Karaikkudi with effect from 22.09.2023.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks/Status
1	Lift	The Civil work for one lift at Manamaduri station is in progress (31.01.2024).
2	Raising of platform	Work at Devakottai Road Platform No. 1, Mekakonnakkulam Platform 2 & Kallal Platform 2 & 3 are to be taken up Agency to be awarded.
3	Catering units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contracts of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Catering stall @ Devakottai Road, Sivagangai ❖ Multipurpose stall at Karaikkudi, Manamadurai, Sivagangai, ❖ Juice bar at Manamadurai, E tender is scheduled to open on 18.03.24 for awarding contract of Milkbar at Devakottai road, Karaikkudi, Manamadurai, (PF 1 & 2/3), Sivagangai. .
4	Toilet Blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract awarded for ROMT on PF 1 of Karaikkudi. Work under process E-auction will be called shortly for ROMT at Sivaganga.
5	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Tirupuvanam, Tirupachetti Rajagambiram, Manamadurai, Melakonamkulam, Sivaganga, Kallal & Devakottai road stations TDC: 31.03.24.
6	Amrit Bharat station	Karaikkudi and Pudukkottai stations.

Name of Constituency: MAVELIKKARA
Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri Kodikunnil Suresh
(Stations served under Madurai Division)
Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Electrification	Kollam-Punalur (44.10 km) section completed
2	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Platform shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low level shelters at stations Ezhukone - 132 sq.m (6 nos x 22 sq.m), Kottarakkara- 88 sq.m (4 nos x 22 sq.m), &Kuri - 44 sq.m (2 nos x 22 sq.m) have been completed. • Replacement of AC sheet with Galvalume sheet in PF shelters and FOBs at Kottarakkara & Auvaneeswaram stations has been completed. • At stations Kottarakkara (3 bays x 120 sq.m in PF-1 & 2 bays x 120 sq.m in PF-2), Kundara (3 bays x 120 sq.m in PF-1 & 2 bays x 120 sq.m in PF-2), Auvaneeswaram (3 bays x 120 sq.m in PF-1 & 2 bays x 120 sq.m in PF-2) PF shelter works has been completed.
b)	Provision of benches	Stainless steel benches have been provided at stations Kottarakkara - 100 seats (10 nos x 10 seater), RCC benches at Ezhukone - 45 seats (15 nos x 3 seater), Kuri - 15 seats (5 nos x 3 seater) & Auvaneeswaram - 60 seats (20 nos x 3 seats). 3 seater Stainless steel chairs at waiting hall has been recently provided at Kottarakkara & Kundara.

c)	Toilet block	Divyangjan toilet at Auvaneeswaram & Ezhukone stations has been completed.
d)	ROB /RUB/LUS	Foot Over Bridge work at Auvaneeswaram station has been completed.
e)	Waiting hall	Granite flooring at Kottarakkara waiting hall has been completed.
f)	Lighting	Lighting arrangements in Divyangjan toilets at Auvaneeswaram, Ezhukone, Kottarakkara Provision of lights in FOB at Auvaneeswaram.
g)	Catering Unit	New Catering stall at KKZ
h)	Parking facility	Cycle Scooter Car Parking Stand at Auvaneeswaram, Kottarakkara and Kundara.
3	Introduction of new train	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of T.No. 16328/16327 Guruvayur - Punalur - Guruvayur Express to Madurai with effect from 28.8.2023.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No. 16361/16362 Ernakulam - Velankanni (BW) Express (w.e.f 25.09.2023
4.	Stoppages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.16327 PUU-GUV Express provided stoppage at Kuri Halt with effect from 16.08.2023 • Train No.16328 GUV-PUU Express provided stoppage at Kuri Halt with effect from 16.08.2023 • Train No.16729 MDU - PUU Express provided stoppage at Kuri Halt with effect from 18.08.2023 • Train No.16730 PUU -MDU Express provided stoppage at Kuri Halt with effect from 18.08.2023

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Auvaneeswaram, Kundara East, Kuri, Kottarakara & Ezhukone stations.
2	Amrit Bharat station	Changanasseri and Punalur.stations.
3	Catering Units	E-auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding catering stalls at Auvaneeswaram, Kundara.& 2 nd stall at Kottarakara.

Name of Constituency: VIRUDUNAGAR
Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri B. Manickam Tagore
(Stations served under Madurai Division)

Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No.	Item	Remarks / Status
1.	Doubling	Tirumangalam – Nalli (62.61 km) completed
2.	Gauge conversion	Madurai-Bodinayakkanur section- 89.73 km completed.
3.	Electrification	Virudunagar-Sengottai (129.99 km), Virudunagar- Manamadurai (66.55 km), Virudunagar-Nalli (36.67 km), Virudunagar-Tirumangalam (25.94 km) sections completed.
4.	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Toilet block	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-fabricated toilets completed at Virudunagar, Narikkudi, Aruppukottai, Sattur, Tirumangalam, Tiruparankundaram & Sivakasi stations Normal Pay & Use Toilets at Tiruttangal & Virudhanagar
		Divyangjan Toilets completed in Tirumangalam, Kalligudi, Tulukapatti & Sivakasi stations.
b)	Parking facility	Cycle Scooter Car Parking stand at Aruppukottai, Tiruttangal, Virudhanagar, Sattur & Sivakasi
c)	Lighting & Fans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting arrangements in Divyang toilets at Kalligudi, Tulukapatti, Tiruchuli Lights, fan and air circulator fan provided at Tirumangalam. Approach road lights provided at Tirumangalam.
d)	Platform raising works	Tirumangalam raising of PF No.1 completed.
5.	Station redevelopment	Tirumangalam & Tirupparankundram stations developed under Adharsh station scheme.

6.	ROB /RUB/LUS	Tirupparankudram station - Foot Over Bridge work has been completed.
7.	Other important works	Sectional speed in Tirumangalam - Kovilpatti section increased from 90 kmph to 100 kmph. Installations of One station one Product stall & Provision of Monumental Flag have been completed in Virudhunagar station.
8.	Speed Raising	Thirupparankundram -Nalli – 73.12 km speed raised to 110 kmph.
9.	Doubling/New Line/GC	Thirupparankundram -Nalli – 73.12 km has been completed.
10.	New trains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.20665/20666 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli -Chennai Egmorel Vande Bharat Express (6 days a week) w.e.f 25/27/09.2023 • Extension of T.No. 16328/16327 Guruvayur - Punalur - Guruvayur Express to Madurai with effect from 28.8.2023 • Train No.20683/20684 Tambaram - Sengottai - Tambaram Superfast Express introduced as Weekly w.e.f 08.04.2023. Operated as Tri-weekly w.e.f 01.06.2023.
11.	Extension of trains	Train No. 16847/16848 Mayiladuthurai - Dindigul Express to Sengottai from 12.11.2022.
12.	Stoppages provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.12693 MS-TN Express provided stoppage at Tirumangalam with effect from 19.07.2023. • Train No.16101 MS-QLN Express provided stoppage at Sivakasi with effect from 28.07.2023. • Train No.16729 MDU - PUU Express provided stoppage at Satur with effect from 21.09.2023. • Train No.16730 PUU -MDU Express provided stoppage at Satur with effect from 21.09.2023. • Train No.20691 TBM-NCJ Antyodaya Express provided stoppage at Satur with effect from 21.09.2023. • Train No.20692 NCJ-TBM Antyodaya Express provided stoppage at Satur with effect from 20.09.2023.p

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No.	Item	Remarks/Status
1.	Raising of platform	Tirumangalam, Kalligudi Tulukapatti & Sattur stations, work is in progress. TDC: 31.08.24.
2.	Extension of platform	Tirumangalam, Kalligudi ,Tulukapatti & Sattur stations, work is in progress. TDC: 31.08.24.
3.	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at TDN, CVP, SRT, SVKS & TTL) stations. TDC: 31.03.24.
4.	Catering units	E auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contracts of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Catering stall & Multi purpose stall at Virudhunagar, ❖ Multi purpose stall at Satur, ❖ Catering stall (2 nos) at Sivakasi (PF1, 2/3), Tiruparankundram E-tender is scheduled to open on 18.03.24 for the provision of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Juice Bar & Milk bar at Virudhunagar, ❖ Milk bar at Sivakasi
5.	Toilet Block	Contract awarded for ROMT at Sattur. Work under process.
6.	Amrit Bharat station	Virudhunagar station.

Name of Constituency: RAMANATHAPURAM

Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri K. Navaskani

(Stations served under Madurai Division)

Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Electrification	Madurai -Ramanathapuram (107.22 km) section is completed.
2	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Retiring room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rameswaram - Retiring rooms with double bed 6 nos, booking office, cloak room, tourist information centre completed.• Non A/c Dormitory& A/c dormitory work completed.
b)	Waiting hall	Ramanathapuram - Improvements to waiting hall completed.
c)	Platform Shelter	Rameswaram station - Low level shelter 2 bays in 5 locations completed.
d)	Provision of benches	Provision of Stainless steel benches provided at stations - Ramanathapuram - 200 seats (20 nos x 10 seater), Rameswaram - 298 seats (21 nos x 10 seater + 22 nos x 4 seater), Mandapam 50 seats (5 nos x 10 seater) & Paramakudi 180 seats (10 nos x 10 seater + 20 nos x 4 seater). Rameswaram station - Precast RCC benches 30 seats (10 nos x 3 seater).
e)	Other works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rameswaram - Improvements to circulating area.• Installation of One station One Product stall• Monumental flag at Ramanathapuram Rameswaram stations completed.
f)	Parking	Cycle Scooter Car Parking Stand at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi.
g)	Toilet Blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Fabricated toilets at circulating areas of Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram & Mandapam.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal pay & use toilets on PF 1 of Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi.
h)	ATM facility	ATM facility provided at Ramanathapuram.
i)	Provision of light and fan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fans and Lights provided for newly covered shelters at Ramanathapuram, Paramakudi and Rameswaram stations. • Lights, fans & cell phone charging points provided at RMM pilgrims waiting hall (ladies and gents), retiring room & cloak room. • Lights, fans & cell phone charging points provided in PF shelters at Rameswaram • Lights, fans & cell phone charging points provided in PF shelters at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi.
j)	Catering	VLRS and NVTs at Manamadurai, Multipurpose stall at Ramanathapuram.
k)	Lifts	The Civil work for four lifts, two at Ramanathapuram and other two at Paramakudi are completed.
3	Stoppages provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.22661 MS-RMM Express provided stoppage at Mandapam with effect from 19.07.2023. • Train No.22535 (15119) RMM-BBS Express (RMM-MUV) provided stoppage at Ramanathapuram with effect from 19.07.2023. • Train No.20973 All-RMM Humsafar Express provided stoppage at Ramanathapuram with effect from 25.09.2023. • Train No.20974 RMM-All Humsafar Express provided stoppage at Ramanathapuram with effect from 26.07.2023. • Train No.22613 RMM-AYC Shraddha Sethu Express provided stoppage at Ramanathapuram with effect from 25.09.2023. • Train No.22614 AYC-RMM Shraddha Sethu Express provided stoppage at Ramanathapuram with effect from 23.09.2023.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks/Status
1	New line	Rameswaram - Dhanushkodi section - 17.20km by CN.
2	Lift	Provision of two number of Lifts each at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi stations.
3	Platform shelter	Provision of PF shelter at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi 2 bays each work in progress.
4	Provision of light and fan	Improvement of lighting at Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram and Rameswaram stations work in progress.
5	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Paramakkudi,,Sudiyur, Sattirakkudi, Ramanathapuram, Valantaravai, Mandapam Camp, Mandapam & Pamban stations
6	Drinking water facility	Rameswaram station - Provision of Over Head Tank with pumping arrangement and 3 new wells at Chemmaimadam work in progress.
7	Catering units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ E auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contract of Catering stall at Ramanathapuram. ❖ E tender is scheduled to open on 08.03.24 for the provision of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catering stall at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi (2 nos @ PF1, 2/3), • Milk bar at Paramakudi & Ramanathapuram
8	Toilet Blocks	Contract awarded for building Toilets at Rameswaram under BOT. Plan is under finalization
9	Station redevelopment	Rameswaram station work awarded to M/s. Sabari Constructions, Coimbatore for the cost of Rs.90.20 Cr. by CN. TDC: 30.11.25.
10	Amrit Bharat station	Ramanathapuram & Paramakudi stations.
11	Other important works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of New Pamban Bridge work by RVNL for a value of Rs.394 Cr. .TDC:31.03.24 • Rameswaram station - Pilgrimage shelter for gents & ladies with bath room & toilet facilities, work is in progress. TDC:31.03.24

Name of Constituency: KOLLAM

Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri N. K. Premachandran

(Stations served under Madurai Division)

Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No.	Item	Remarks / Status
1.	Electrification	Kollam - Punalur (44.10 km) section Electrification Commissioned on 31.05.2022.
2.	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Lift	Provision of two Nos of Lifts at Punalur Station.
b)	Platform shelter	Punalur - 336 sq.m (2 bays), Chantanatop - 66 sqm (3 bays) & Kilikollur - 66 sq.m (3 bays) low level shelters work have been completed.
c)	Raising of platform	Punalur – 336 sq.m (2 bays), Chantanatop – 66 sqm (3 bays) & Kilikollur – 66 sq.m (3 bays) low level shelters work have been completed.
d)	Provision of benches	RCC benches at stations Punalur – 30 seats (10 nos x 3 seater), Kundara – 30 seats (10 nos x 3 seater) have been completed.
e)	ROB /RUB/LUS	Foot over bridge work has been completed at Kundara & Kilikollur stations work have been completed.
f)	Waiting hall	Improvements to waiting hall at Punalur work have been completed.
g)	Other works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Punalur: Provision of Granite flooring at Platform no.1, Replacement of AC sheet with Galvalume sheet in PF shelters & FOB.• Improvements to circulating area at Punalur, Killikollur & Kundara stations have been completed.
h)	Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighting arrangements in Divyang toilets at Edamann , Kilikollur, Ottakal, Tenmala, Punalur.• Provision of lights in FOB at Killikollur, Kundara.

i)	Catering Units	Multipurpose stall and two Catering stall at PF No.1 of Punalur.
j)	Parking Facility	Cycle Scooter Car Parking Stand at Kilikkollur.
3.	Extension of trains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of T.No. 16328/16327 Guruvayur -Punalur - Guruvayur Express to Madurai with effect from 28.8.2023. • Train No. 16361/16362 Ernakulam - Velankanni (BW) Express (w.e.f 25.09.2023)
4.	Stoppages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.16101 MS-QLN Express provided stoppage at Aryankavu with effect from 19.07.2023. • Train No.16102 QLN-MS Express provided stoppage at Aryankavu with effect from 19.07.2023. • Train No.16791 TEN-PGT Express provided stoppage at Kundara & Tenmalai with effect from 19.07.2023 / 22.08.2023. • Train No.16792 PGT-TEN Express provided stoppage at Kundara & Tenmalai with effect from 19.07.2023 / 22.08.2023.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No.	Item	Remarks/Status
1.	Electrification	Bhagavathipuram-Edamonn section (33km) is under Electrification -PDC- March 2024.
2.	Drinking water facility	Improvements to water supply at Punalur&Kottaraka stations work is in progress (31.03.2024).
3.	Catering Units	E auction will be called for awarding contract of Catering stall at Kilikkollur.
4.	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Kundara, Chandanatope, Kilikkollur, Aryankavu, New Aryankavu, Edapalayam, Kalthuruthy, Tenmala & Edamann) stations (30.04.2024).
5.	Amrit Bharat station	Punalur and Kollam stations.

Name of Constituency: THENI

Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri P. Ravindhranath

(Stations served under Madurai Division)

Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Gauge conversion	Madurai - Bodinayakkanur (89.73 km) section is completed.
2	Lifts	The Civil work for two lifts at Sholavandan station is completed.
3	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Platform shelter	Platform shelter for an area of - 900 sq.m at Usilampatti, 1210 sq.m at Andipatti & 1056 sq.m at Bodinayakanur stations completed.
b)	Provision of benches	Theni - 30 seats (10 nos x 3 seater); Bodinayakkanur - 21 seats (7 nos x 3 seater); Andipatti - 21 seats (7 nos x 3 seater) and Usilampatti - 15 seats (5 nos x 3 seater).
c)	Toilet block	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Fabricated toilets at circulating areas of Teni, Andipatti & Bodinayakkanur Stations.• Normal toilet block at Teni Railway station circulating area.
d)	ROB /RUB/LUS	Foot Over Bridge has been completed at Usilampatti, Andipatti, Teni and Bodinayakanur stations.
e)	Waiting hall	Provision of waiting hall for an area of - 54 sq.m at Usilampatti, Andipatti, Teni & 59 sq.m at Bodinayakkanur stations has been completed.
f)	Drinking water facility	Water taps at Usilampatti, Andipatti, Teni & Bodinayakkanur has been provided.
g)	Catering	Catering stall provided at Teni.

h)	Parking Facility	Cycle Scooter Car Parking Stand at Teni.
4	Speed Raising	Usilampatti to Andipatti-21 km speed raised from 80 to 100 kmph.
5	Introduction of new train	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T.No.20601/20602 Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station-Madurai-Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station - Bodinayakkanur express T.No.06701/06702 Madurai-Bodinayakkanur -Madurai express.
6	Stoppages provided	Train No.12631 MS-TEN Express provided stoppage at Sholavandan with effect from 19.07.2023.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks/Status
1	Electrification	Madurai-Bodinayakkanur (89.73 km) section in progress.
2	Catering units	E auction will be conducted on 23.02.24 for the contract of Catering stall at Bodinayakkanur.
3	Amrit Bharat station	Sholavandan station.
4.	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Andipatti, Usilampatti, Bodinayakkanur, Sholavandan, Vadipatti, Samayanallur & Teni stations TDC: 31.03.24.

Name of Constituency: POLLACHI

Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri K. Shanmuga Sundaram

(Stations served under Madurai Division)

Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No.	Item	Remarks / Status
1.	Electrification	Palani - Pollachi (62.91 km) section Electrification Commissioned on 03.06.2022.
2.	ROB /RUB/LUS	Foot Over Bridge work at Gomangalam station has been completed.
3.	Speed Raising	Palani-Pollachi-61 km speed raised from 70 to 110 kmph.
4.	Lighting	Provision of lights in FOB at Gomangalam.
5.	Toilet Blocks	Pay and Use Toilet at PF 1 of Udumalpettai.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks/Status
1.	Catering units	E auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contract of Catering stall at Udumalaipettai.
2.	Amrit Bharat station	Palani station.
3.	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Pushpattur, Madathukulam, Udumalpettai & Gomangalam stations.

Name of Constituency: TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI

Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri Su. Thirunavukkarasar

(Stations served under Madurai Division)

Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Electrification	Tiruchchirappalli- Karaikkudi-Manamadurai (150.51 km) section completed.
2	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Raising of platform	Kumaramangalam PF No.1 & 2, Vellanur PF No 1 & 2 & Keeranur PF No.1& 2 raising works completed.
b)	Toilet block	Pre-fabricated Toilets at circulating areas of Pudukkottai & Kolathur stations.
c)	Parking Facility	Cycle Scooter Car Parking Stand at Pudukkottai.
d)	Other important works	Provision of monumental flag at Pudukkottai station has been completed.
e)	Provision of benches	Stainless steel benches have been installed at Pudukkottai station - 100 seats (10 nos x 10 seater).
f)	ROB /RUB/LUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FOB at Vellanur, Punggudi, Kumaramangalam & Keeranur stations completed.• Subway has been completed in-lieu of LC No.369 between Vellandur and Pudukkottai stations.• ROB completed in-lieu LC no.351 in Tiruchchirappalli- Karaikkudi section between Kumaramangalam-Keeranaur stations.

g)	Lifts	The civil work for one lift at Pudukkottai station is completed.
3	Speed Raising	TPJ-KKDI (87.33 km) has been increased from 100 to 110 kmph in Nov-23.
4	Stoppages provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.20973 All-RMM Humsafar Express provided stoppage at Pudukkottai with effect from 25.09.2023 • Train No.20974 RMM-All Humsafar Express provided stoppage at Pudukkottai with effect from 26.07.2023 • Train No.16849 TPJ-RMM Express provided stoppage at Keeranur with effect from 20.09.2023 • Train No.16850 RMM- TPJ Express provided stoppage at Keeranur with effect from 20.09.2023.

ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks/Status
1	Catering units	E auction will be conducted on 23.02.24 for the contracts of Catering stall at Pudukkottai.
2	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Kumaramangalam, Pungudi, Kalpattichatram, Keeranur, Vellanur &Pudukkottai stations. TDC: 31.03.24.
3	Amrit Bharat station	Pudukkottai and Srirangam stations.

Name of Constituency: DINDIGUL
Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri P. Velusamy
(Stations served under Madurai Division)
Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl. No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Electrification	Dindigul -Palani -Pollachi (121.20 km) section Electrification Commissioned.
2	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Platform shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dindigul Junction - platform shelter for an area of 840 sq.m (5 bays) each in Platform No. 3 & 4 work has been completed. Oddanchatram 3 bays 500 Sq.m in PF -1&2 & Ambaturai 3 bays (500 sq.m) in PF No.1.
b)	Provision of light and fan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lights, fans & cell phone charging points provided in PF shelters at Dindigul Provision of lights in FOB at Palani.
c)	Provision of benches	Dindigul-220 seats (22 nos x 10 seater), Palani-50 seats (5 nos x 10 seater) & Oddanchatram - 80 seats (8 nos x 10 seats).
d)	Catering Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Juice bar and multipurpose stall at Dindigul. ❖ Food Plaza at Dindigul by IRCTC.
e)	Toilet block	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-fabricated Toilets at circulating areas of Dindigul, Oddanchatram, Palani, Ambaturai, Manapparai & Akkaraippatti stations. Normal Pay and Use toilet at PF 2 & 3 of Dindigul, PF 1 of Oddanchatram, PF No. 1, 2 & 3 of Palani and Kodaikkanal Road.
f)	Parking facility	Cycle Scooter Parking Stand at Dindigul, Kodaikkanal Road and Oddanchatram.

g)	ATM contract	ATM provided at Palani station.
h)	Platform raising	Platform raised at TMP,AYR,PUG & KLS.
i)	ROB /RUB/LUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot Over Bridge work at Palani station completed. • Subway completed in lieu of LC no.36 & 50 in Dindigul - Pollachi section between Oddanchattram and Chatrapatti stations • Foot Over Bridge work at Ayyalur completed.
j)	Other important works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of One station One Product stall at Dindigul & Palani stations has been completed. • Provision of Monumental flag at Dindigul Station completed.
3	Raising of speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sectional speed of Dindigul-Palani-58.30 km raised from 70 to 110 kmph • Sectional speed of Karur-Dindigul (3.17 km) has been increased from 100 to 110 kmph.
4	Introduction of new train	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.20665/20666 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli -Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express (6 days a week) (w.e.f 25/27/09.2023)
5	Extension of train	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No. 20601/20602 Chennai Central -Madurai-Chennai Central (tri-weekly) Express to Bodinayakanur (W.e.f.16.06.23). • Train No. 16847/16848 Mayiladuthurai Dindigul Express to Sengottai (w.e.f 12.11.2022). • Extension of Train No. 16845/16846 Erode - Tirunelveli Daily Unreserved Express up to Sengottai (w.e.f 24.1.2024).

6	Stoppages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.16127 MS - GUV Express provided stoppage at Kodaikkanal Road with effect from 15.06.2023 • Train No.16128 MS - GUV Express provided stoppage at Kodaikkanal Road with effect from 14.06.2023 • Train No.17615 KCG-MDU (W) Express provided stoppage at Kodaikkanal Road with effect from 17.06.2023. • Train No.17616 MDU-KCG (W) Express provided stoppage at Kodaikkanal Road with effect from 18.06.2023. • Train No.16779 TPTY-RMM Express provided stoppage at Kodaikkanal Road with effect from 25.07.2023. • Train No.12690 NCJ - MAS Express provided stoppage at Kodaikkanal Road with effect from 24.07.2023. • Train No.16339 CSMT - NCJ Express provided stoppage at Kodaikkanal Road with effect from 16.09.2023. • Train No.16340 NCJ - CSTM Express provided stoppage at Kodaikkanal Road with effect from 15.09.2023.
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ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks/Status
1	Lift	The Civil works for three Lifts, one at Palani and other two at Kodaikkanal Road station are scheduled for completion by 31.01.2024
2	Catering units	E auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contracts of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Catering stall at Ambaturai, Kodaikkanal Road (PF 1, 2/3), Oddanchatram, ❖ Multipurpose stall at Kodaikkanal Road. E-tender is scheduled to open on 18.03.24 for the provision of Catering stall (PF 2/3, 4/5) at Dindigul.
3	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at Vadamadurai, Kodaikkanal road, Tamaraipadi, Ayyalur, Akkaraippatti, Oddanchatram & Palani) stations.
4	Toilet block	Contracts awarded for toilets at Dindigul under BOT. Plan are under finalization.
5	Station redevelopment	Dindigul Station is identified for redevelopment.
6	Amrit Bharat station	Palani and Manapparai stations.
7	ROB /RUB/LUS	Foot Over Bridge work at Tamaraipadi stations is in progress

Name of Constituency: MADURAI
Name of Hon'ble MP : Shri S. Venkatesan
(Stations served under Madurai Division)
Constituency wise works

COMPLETED WORKS (in last 2 years)		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks / Status
1	Gauge conversion	Madurai - Thirupparankundram section- 6.90 kms doubling completed. Madurai- Bodinayakkanur (89.90 Kms) GC completed.
2	Passenger Amenities	
a)	Lift	One Lift was commissioned at PF 4/5 in Madurai Junction on 12.09.2022.
b)	Platform shelter	Madurai Junction - PF shelter for an area of 1010 sq.m (6 bays) each in Platform No. 2 & 3.
c)	Provision of light and fan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fans and Lights in newly covered shelters at MDU PF 2/3. Lighting arrangements in Divyangjan toilets at Sholavandan, Silaiman, Kudalnagar, Madurai East, Samayanallur Lights, fan and air circulator fan provided at Tiruparankundram. Lights provided in FOB at TDN Lights, fans & cell phone charging points provided at MDU pilgrims waiting hall (ladies and gents). Lights, fans & cell phone charging points provided in PF shelters at Madurai.
d)	Toilet block	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-fabricated toilets at Circulating areas of Madurai Main and Western entry, Kudalnagar, Madurai East & Usilampatti. Normal Pay & Use Toilets at PF 2 & 3 of Madurai.

e)	Parking facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Scooter Parking Stand at Madurai West entry and near RMS • Car Parking Stand at Madurai West entry. • Premium Cycle-Scooter parking in front of Madurai PRS counter. • Premium Car Parking Stand at Madurai Main entry. • Premium Cycle-Scooter Parking Stand at Madurai Main entry.
f)	Catering units	Catering stall and in PF No.1, 2 & 3, Juice bar in PF No.1 at Madurai Station.
g)	New Platforms	One new PF No.6 for a length of 540 m length completed.
h)	Extension of Platforms	PF No.8 for a length of 360 m was extended.
i)	Provision of benches	Provision of RCC benches -24 seats (8 nos. x 3 seater) in Platform no.6 provided.
4	Other important works	Madurai Jn.: Construction of Tourist Hut & Installation of One Station One Product (OSOP) stall completed.
5	Speed Raising	<p>Madurai-Tiruparankundram speed raised from 100 to 110 kmph.</p> <p>Sectional speed of Madurai-Andipatti-Teni section (74.78 km) increased from 80 to 100 kmph in June-23.</p> <p>Loop line speed of Madurai-Bodinayakkanur section increased to 30 kmph in Sep-23.</p>
6	Introduction of new train	Train No.20665/20666 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli -Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express (6 days a week) (w.e.f 25/27/09.2023)
7	Extension of train	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of T.No. 16328/16327 Guruvayur - Punalur - Guruvayur Express to Madurai with effect from 28.8.2023. • Train No. 20601/20602 Chennai Central - Madurai-Chennai Central (tri-weekly) Express to Bodinayakkanur (W.e.f.16.06.23)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No. 06701/06702 Madurai - Teni Unreserved Express Special (daily) to Bodinayakkanur (W.E.F.16.06.23). • Train No. 16847/16848 Mayiladuthurai (W.E.F.12.11.2022). Dindigul Express to Sengottai. • Extension of Train No. 16845/16846 Erode - Tirunelveli Daily Unreserved Express up to Sengottai (w.e.f 24.1.2024)
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ONGOING WORKS		
Sl.No	Item	Remarks/Status
1	Retiring room	Station Redevelopment work is under process including for construction of new retiring rooms.
2	Divyangjan facilities	Provision of Divyangjan facilities works (Ramp, Drinking water cubicles, Toilet & low height booking counter) at MES, KON, VAJ, stations.
3	Station redevelopment (ABSS)	Madurai Jn. and Solavandan stations.
4	Catering units	E auction will be conducted on 08.03.24 for awarding contract of Catering stall at Tiruparankundram.

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

	Shri Dhanush M. Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tenkasi Constituency
1.0	INFRASTRUCTURE
	(i) Request for Coach watering facility at Tenkasi junction to avoid space constraints at Sengottai.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present Sengottai station is catering to the needs of coach watering of all trains. As such, new coach watering facility at Tenkasi is not required.</p>
	(ii) Request for new bypass rail connecting Kadayanallur of VPT-TSI section to Kila Puliur of TSI-TEN section with crossing station status and alternate station for Tenkasi junction.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present there is no operational requirement for a bypass. The same will be examined in future when the need arises.</p>
	(iii) Request to install a new MEMU shed facility at Madurai railway division to operate more local train services across Madurai railway division.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present MEMU maintenance sheds in SR are available at Palakkad, Kollam, Tambaram and Avadi, which suffice the maintenance requirements.</p> <p>There is a sanctioned work to build MEMU car shed at Trichy, which shall take care of the maintenance requirements of the MEMU rakes to be run in Trichy/Madurai division. Hence, as of now, MEMU maintenance shed at Madurai division is not planned / required as such.</p>
	(iv) Request for doubling of Virudhunagar-Rajapalayam-Tenkasi-Sengottai rail route to operate more trains in this route.
	<p><u>Response:</u> As on date, there is no sanction for the Doubling of Virudhunagar-Rajapalayam-Tenkasi-Sengottai Rail Route.</p>
	(v) Request to double 1st phase rail route of Tenkasi-Sengottai to ease the traffic congestion.
	<p><u>Response:</u> As on date there is no sanction for the Doubling of Tenkasi-Sengottai Rail Route.</p>

	(vi) Request to allot Sengottai, Sankarankovil, Kadayanallur and Pavoorchatram Railway Stations in Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Sengottai, Sankarankovil, Kadayanallur stations are NSG5 category stations and Pavurchatram is NSG6 category station. The scale of Minimum Essential Amenities provided at these stations are more than the minimum norms prescribed by the Railway Board. These stations will be considered in future phases of Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS).</p>
	(vii) Request for PIT line facilities at Sengottai.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Sengottai station is a way side Station only.</p> <p>The rake maintenance requirements for the train services over Sengottai are well taken care of by the Pit lines available at TEN, MDU and TN. Hence there is no operational requirement for Provision of Pit lines at Sengottai. (CTPM)</p>
	(viii) Please construct additional two platforms at Sengottai Railway station to ease congestion of platforms and to operate more trains.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Sengottai has 3 passenger PFs. The existing facilities are sufficient for the present level of traffic. Additional facilities will be considered in future when the need arises.</p>
	(ix) Request to construct additional one platform with coach watering facility at Rajapalayam Railway station to operate local trains between Madurai- Rajapalayam.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Rajapalayam has 3 passenger PFs. The existing facilities are sufficient for the present level of traffic. Additional facilities will be considered in future when the need arises.</p>
	(x) Request to increase the platform length on Tirunelveli-Tenkasi-Sengottai-Punalur rail sections.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The existing platform length at all the platforms in this section Tirunelveli-Tenkasi are adequate to hold the longest stopping train at respective stations except at Tenkasi (PF No.4), Feasibility study will be made for extension of platforms and will be proposed in the ensuing works programme.</p> <p>The existing platform length at all the platforms in section SCT-PUU is adequate to hold the longest stopping train at respective stations.</p>

	(xi) Request to construct a compound wall at Rajapalayam town along both sides of the Railway track from 588 Rkm to 593 Rkm.
	<u>Response:</u> Rail fencing is available at trespassing locations. Based on necessity work will be taken up.
2.0	RESTORATION OF RAILWAY STATION Request to reopen the Cholapuram Railway station to ease the traffic congestion between Rajapalayam and Sankarankovil, one of the longest block section of SR zone.
	<u>Response:</u> Cholapuram is available between Rajapalayam and Sankarankovil station in VPT-TSI section. Line capacity utilization of this section is 54%.and there is no operational requirement for provision of additional crossing station over this section as of now. Additional facilities will be considered in future when the need arises.
	(i) Request for Speeding up the works of the coach positioning display boards at Tenkasi, Rajapalayam and Srivilliputhur. Please arrange to install new coach positioning display boards at Sankarankovil, Kadayanallur and Pavurchatram Railway stations.
	<u>Response:</u> At Tenkasi, Rajapalayam & Srivilliputtur, Coach indication board will be provided as a part of Amrit Stations Development Scheme. At Kadayanallur, Static coach indication boards are available. For Pavurchatram static coach indication boards will be provided. (PCCM)
	(ii) Request for installing a mega food catering stall at Platform No: 1 at Tenkasi junction.
	<u>Response:</u> Two Catering stalls are available on Platform No. 1 at Tenkasi Jn. IRCTC has been advised to examine and submit a proposal for provision of major catering unit.
	(iii) Request for arrangement to open new ATM centre at Sengottai Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> Division has conducted e-auction thrice for the provision of ATM at Sengottai, there was no offer. Last e-auction conducted on 09.02.2024. e-Auction will be conducted again in March 2024.

	(iv) Request for roughening of the shining granite surface of the Platform No.1 at Sengottai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> The platform roughening work of Sengottai Railway Station is completed.
	(v) Request Construction of mini shelters at Platform No: 1, speeding up the works of Foot over Bridge and deploying a booking clerk from 8am to 2pm at Pavurchatram Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> Foot Over Bridge is available at Pavurchatram. Platform shelters of 470 sqm is available which is more than MEA norms of 50 sq m. Facility for issue of reserved and unreserved tickets are available at Pavurchatram. PRS timings are from 08.30 to 10.30, 11.30 to 12.30 and 16.00 to 18.00 hrs and tickets are issued by SM. Average number of reservation forms dealt per day is 17. Unreserved tickets are issued by STBA round the clock. Average number of Unreserved tickets issued is 200 per day. (PCCM)
	(vi) Request for resuming working hours of the reservation centre at Rajapalayam station for 12 hours.
	<u>Response:</u> Presently, at Rajapalayam station, the reservation counter functions from 08:00 hrs to 12:00 hrs and from 15:30 hrs to 19:00 hrs. The average number of forms dealt is 130 per day which is below the yardstick of 180 forms per shift. The existing counter arrangement is sufficient to deal with the present level of traffic. (PCCM)
	(vii) Request for relocating the Railway Protection Force station of the Rajapalayam station to the 1st platform as the passengers are facing huge difficulties to approach the RPF station for security needs.
	<u>Response:</u> A joint survey was done by RPF and Engineering officials. Since no suitable building is readily available for relocation of RPF outpost in PF1 immediately, construction of new building for RPF outpost has been initiated afresh. This work will be taken up on completion of ABSS works.
	(viii) Request for a new daily overnight train between Tirunelveli to Mysuru via Pavurchatram, Tenkasi, Sankarankovil, Rajapalayam, Madurai, Karur, Salem and Bengaluru.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP is noted. Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.

	(ix) Request for new daily overnight train between Sengottai to Erode via Tenkasi, Sankarankovil, Srivilliputhur, Rajapalayam, Madurai, Palani, Pollachi, Coimbatore and Tiruppur.
	<u>Response:</u> Train No. 16845/16846 Erode – Tirunelveli - Erode Express (Daily) has been extended to Sengottai. Ex. Erode with effect from 24.01.2024 and Ex. Sengottai with effect from 25.01.2024. Due to terminal constraints at Sengottai and Erode it is not feasible to operate additional trains as suggested by Hon'ble MP.
	(x) Request for a new daily overnight train via Tenkasi, Kadayanallur, Sankarankovil, Rajapalayam and Srivilliputhur to Madurai to connect Vaigai superfast express (Train No.12635/12636).
	<u>Response:</u> T. No. 12636 Madurai – Chennai Egmore Vaigai Express leaves Madurai at 06.40 hours and in the return direction T.No. 12635 Vaigai arrives Madurai at 21.30 hrs. To provide connectivity to Vaigai, via Sivakasi, the train has to start around 03.00hrs from Sengottai and in the return direction the arrival at Sengottai will be around 23.30 hours. Thus the timings will be inconvenient to passengers and the train may not be popular. Moreover with the present available facilities at Sengottai it is feasible to operate only the trains running present.
	(xi) Request for increasing the frequency of the Silambu superfast express (Train No.20681 /20682) as Daily service and increase the full formation of coach capacity up to 24 Nos. maximum.
	<u>Response:</u> Increase in frequency of Train No.20681 / 20682 Chennai Egmore – Sengottai Silambu Express from Tri-weekly to daily is not feasible due to terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore. Moreover this train shares common path with other non-daily trains. Train No.20681/20682 Chennai Egmore - Sengottai - Chennai Egmore Silambu Superfast Express has a load of 17 coaches at present and due to platform constraints at Chennai Egmore, increasing the number of coaches is not feasible at present.
	(xii) Request for Increasing the coach capacity of the Sengottai - Mayiladuthurai express (Train No.16847/16848) upto 20 Nos. With 2 Nos. of second sitting reserved coaches.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP for increasing the number of coaches will be examined.

	(xiii) Regularising and increasing of the frequency as Tri-weekly for the special train service of Tirunelveli-Mettupalayam Spl (Train No.06029/06030).
	<p>Response: Special trains are being operated based on commercial demand and operational feasibility. However, the request of Hon'ble MP is noted.</p> <p>Train. No. 06030/06029 Tirunelveli - Mettupalayam (Weekly) TOD special is extended from 05.02.24 to 01.04.24 at present. It is submitted that this special train is operated with the lie over rake. Hence, increase in frequency of this train is not feasible.</p>
	(xiv) Request to re-operate the Tirunelveli-Tambaram Special (06663/06664) via Tenkasi and Rajapalayam as this train was run with high patronage and demand.
	<p>Response: Special trains are being operated based on commercial demand and operational feasibility. However, the request of the Hon'ble MP is noted.</p> <p>Train No.20683/20684 Tambaram-Sengottai (Tri-Weekly) Express via Aranthangi, Pattukottai and Mayiladuthurai has been introduced with effect from 08.04.2023 in the route requested by Hon'ble MP.</p>
	(xv) Request to divert the Kasi Tamil Sangamam weekly express (16367/16368) via the temple cities of Tenkasi & Sivakasi to connect Kasi (Banaras) for the benefit of devotees.
	<p>Response: The Hon MP's request is noted. Powers for diversion and rerouting of trains are vested with Railway Board.</p> <p>However, the route suggested by Hon'ble MP is circuitous and it will involve rake reversal in both directions at Tenkasi and Tirunelveli Jn., which will increase the overall running time of this train and will affect the overall travelling experience of the on-board passengers in this long distance train.</p>

**GM's Meeting with Hon'ble MPsof the region served by
MaduraiDivision**

	Shri S. Gnanathiraviam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tirunelveli Constituency
1.0	Request to strengthen the existing railway tracks in Nagercoil - Madurai - Chennai sector due to heavy rainfall and floods duly making suitable engineering remedies.
	<p><u>Response:</u> There is a well defined system to protect the railway tracks and to ensure safety of trains by patrolling of tracks, monitoring of rainfall & flood water level in bridges and near Railway tracks.</p> <p>The recent flooding and damage to Railway embankments and tracks in certain sections of Southern Tamil Nadu districts has occurred due to abnormal and extremely heavy rainfall during the month of the December 2023. This rainfall was abnormally high as per 100 years records available. Train traffic in the affected stretches of Railway tracks in Tirunelveli and Turicorin districts have been restored after completing repairs/strengthening works.</p> <p>Further, detailed survey of affected locations has also been carried out and works for providing additional bridges to prevent flooding of tracks will be got sanctioned.</p>
2.0	Request to upgrade NSG-3 to NSG-2 category Tirunelveli Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> As per the categorization done in 2017-18, Tirunelveli Railway Station is categorized as NSG-3 station.</p> <p>Categorization of stations is done once in five years based on Annual Passenger Earnings and/or outward passengers handled at a station.</p> <p>Revised categorization will be received from Railway Board shortly.</p>
3.0	Request for Kanniyakumari- Tirunelveli -Madurai - Chennai 3rd and 4th line survey and execution as it is the Golden Goose egg laying sector of Indian Railways.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present, there is no sanction for conducting a survey for 3rd and 4th line in Kanniyakumari-Nagercoil section under this unit.</p> <p>This will be considered in future as and when the need arises.</p>

4.0	Request resurvey reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for Karaikudi –Ramanathapuram – Tuticorin- Kanniyakumari east coast railway line.
	<p>Response: As sanctioned by Railway Board vide Item No.20 of Demands for Grants 2008-09, Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic survey between Ramnathapuram and Kanniyakumari via Tuticorin & Tiruchendur (247.66 km) was conducted. Survey report was submitted to Railway Board on 30.08.2011 with IRR (-) 8.884%. Railway Board shelved the proposal on 07.01.2011.</p> <p>As sanctioned by Railway Board vide Item No.22 of Demands for Grants 2008-09, Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic survey between Karaikudi and Tuticorin via Ramnathapuram (214.81 km) was conducted. Survey Report was submitted to Railway Board on 16.09.2013 with IRR (+) 3.044%. Railway Board shelved the proposal on 31.12.2013.</p>
5.0	Request to increase the speed from the present 130Kmph to 160 kmph in Chennai - Madurai - Tirunelveli - Kanniyakumari sector
	<p>Response: Chennai-Virudhachalam, Virudhachalam-Trichy section, speed will be raised to 110 Kmph in March 2026.</p> <p>TPJ to TEN section speed will be raised to 110 kmph in March 2027.</p>
6.0	Request to develop for Chennai 4th Terminal at the earliest.
	<p>Response: Study for identification of suitable location for developing 4th Coaching terminal is currently under progress.</p>
7.0	Extension of Train No. 16845/16846 Tirunelveli- Erode Express to Sengottai and request you to provide permanent stoppage all Railway station between Tirunelveli - Sengottai section including Kallidaikurichi and Keezhakadaiyam Railway Stations.
	<p>Response: Stoppage has been provided at Kallidaikurichi and Kilakadaiyam .w.e.f. 24/25.01.24.</p>
7.1	<u>Provision of stoppage at Kallidaikurichi and Kilakadaiyam for Train. No. 16791/16792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi Express and for Train No. 20683/20684 Tambaram – Sengottai SF (Tri -Wkly) Express</u>
	<p>Response: Provision of stoppage at Kallidaikurichi for Train No. 16791/16792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad–TirunelveliPalaruviExpress will be examined during the revision of Time Table.</p> <p>Stoppage for Train No. 20683/20684 TBM - SCT (TW) Superfast at Kallidaikurichi has been approved by Railway Board in February 2024.</p> <p>The average tickets at Kilakadaiyam is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of trains.</p> <p>Provision of stoppage for Train. No. 20683/20684 Tambaram – Sengottai SF (Tri-wkly) Express at Kilakadaiyam will require additional running time which will affect the superfast character of the train.</p>

8.0	Request to provide a train from vizTirunelveli - Patna Tri weekly express, to operate this train via. Madurai, Trichi, Villupuram, Chennai Egmore and start train from Tirunelveli evening and reach Chennai early morning also return direction start from Chennai evening and reach Tirunelveli morning time.
	<u>Response:</u> Suggestion of MP is noted. The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
9.0	Request to extend Madurai-Chennai EgmoreTejas Express Train No.22671/22672 up to Tirunelveli duly sending the proposal to Railway Board for favourable consideration.
	<u>Response:</u> Extension of Train.No.22671/22672 Chennai Egmore- Madurai – Chennai EgmoreTejas Express uptoTirunelveli is not feasible as the lie over time available at Madurai is insufficient for the extension.
10.0	Proposal for Introduction of Tirunelveli-Bangalore Vande Bharat Express. To Ply Train No. 06067/06068 Vande Bharat Special as Daily Train
	<u>Response:</u> Powers for introduction of trains are vested with Railway Board. The suggestions of the Hon'ble MP are noted. Powers for introduction of Vande Bharat trains are vested with Railway Board.
11.0	Request to substantially reduce buffer time in running of trains in Trichy - Madurai- Tirunelveli section as this segment is already doubled with electrification.
	<u>Response:</u> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted.
12.0	Request to construct MEMU shed at Tirunelveli.
	<u>Response:</u> At present MEMU maintenance sheds in SR are available at Palakkad, Kollam, Tambaram and Avadi, which suffice the maintenance requirements. There is a sanctioned work to build MEMU car shed at Trichy, which shall take care of the maintenance requirements of the MEMU rakes to be run in Trichy/Madurai division. Hence, as of now, MEMU maintenance shed at Madurai division is not planned / required as such.
13.0	Request to expedite and inform about the status of Tirunelveli Redevelopment project and remodeling work and Tirunelveli terminal development.
	<u>Response:</u> Detailed Project report for Tirunelveli Station re-development is under preparation.

14.0	Request to extension of train no. 16347/16348 Thiruvananthapuram Mangalore express to Tirunelveli.
	Response: Currently Train No.16347/16348 is fully patronized from Thiruvananthapuram.
15.0	Request to conduct double line survey between Tirunelveli - Tirunelveli town and Sengottai - Tenkasi to ease the traffic.
	Response: No such Survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board.
16.0	Request for extension of Train No.22101/22102 Madurai - Mumbai LTT Weekly SF Express to Tiruchendur.
	Response: Due to platform constraints at Tiruchendur, extension of Train No. 22101/22102 Madurai-Mumbai LTT Weekly SF Express to Tiruchendur is not feasible for the present. Diverting of this train via Kumbakonam will deprive the present users. Naming of the train is a policy matter pertains to Railway Board.
17.0	Request to increase the platforms in Tirunelveli station to handle more trains.
	Response: At present 5 platforms are available at Tirunelveli Station. An additional second entry platform is being provided as part of the ongoing doubling work.
18.0	Request to change timings of Train No.20683/20684 TBM - SCT - TBM timings at SCT at 17.15 and from TBM at 19:00 to facilitate to the passengers in SCT-TEN section and to convert as daily express.
	Response: Changing the timings of Train No.20683/20684 TBM-SCT-TBM is not feasible due to path constraints in Tirunelveli- Virudunagar section. The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP regarding increase in frequency of this train is noted.
19.0	Request to shift timings of Train No.06686 SCT-TEN exp timings to 18.00 Hrs.
	Response: At present Train No. 06686 SCT-TEN Exp. Spl departs from Sengottai at 18.00 hrs only.
20.0	Request to advance timings of Train No.06687 TEN-SCT special from 13.50 hrs to 13:30 hrs to catch Kollam mail at TSI for TEN-TSI section passengers at TSI.
	Response: The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted.

21.0	Request to deploy a booking clerk at Pavurchatram for single shift from 8 am to 2 pm atleast.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Facility for issue of reserved and unreserved tickets are available at Pavurchatram.</p> <p>PRS timings are from 08.30 hrs to 10.30 hrs, 11.30 hrs to 12.30 hrs and 16.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs and tickets are issue by SM. Average number of reservation forms dealt per day is 17.</p> <p>Unreserved tickets are issued by STBA round the clock. Average number of unreserved tickets issued is 200 per day.</p>
22.0	Request to restore all Tirunelveli - Kollam MG era trains.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The suggestion is noted. The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
23.0	Request to operate Tirunelveli - Tambaram special via Ambasamudram as it was ran last 5 years.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Special trains are being operated based on commercial demand and operational feasibility. However, the request is noted.</p>
24.0	Request to run Tirunelveli - Bengaluru special via Cheranmahadevi, Kallidaikurichi, Ambasamudram, Keezhakadayam, Pavoorchatram, Tenkasi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Special trains are being operated based on commercial demand and operational feasibility. However, the request is noted.</p>
25.0	Request for Tirunelveli - Mangalore weekly special via Cheranmahadevi, Kallidaikurichi, Ambasamudram, Keezhakadayam, Pavoorchatram, Tenkasi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Special trains are being operated based on commercial demand and operational feasibility. However, the request is noted.</p>
26.0	Request to extend Train Nos.12652/12651 NZM - MDU samparkranthi express to Tirunelveli via Tenkasi, Pavoorchatram, Pavoorchatram, Keezhakadayam, Ambasamudram, Kalldaikurichi, Cheranmahadevi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train No. 12651/52 Madurai - H.NizamuddinSamparkKranti (BW) Express is integrated with Train No. 22623/22624 Chennai Egmore – Madurai (BW) Express and hence extension of the train to Tirunelveli is not feasible.</p>

27.0	Request to extend Train Nos.11021 Dadar – Tirunelveli Chalukiya express to Sengottai via Cheranmahadevi, Kallidaikurichi, Ambasamudram, Keezhakadayam, Pavoorchatram, Tenkasi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Extension of trains is a policy matter to be decided by Railway board. The lie-over time available for Train.No.11021/11022 Dadar-Tirunelveli-Dadar Tri-Weekly Express at Tirunelveli is insufficient for its extension to Tenkasi.</p>
28.0	Request to Provide watering facility for coaches and make Tenkasi as a terminal to operate more trains, as Sengottai is saturated.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Coach watering for originating trains is being done at SCT. Currently there is no operational requirement for a coach watering facility at TSI. Based on the future traffic requirements, provision of coach watering facility at TSI will be explored.</p>
29.0	Request for improvement of all passenger amenities in Railway Stations of Tirunelveli Parliamentary Constituency.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The following passenger amenities works have been completed at TEN:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Granite flooring at Platform-1 at Tirunelveli (Rs. 50 lakhs). 2. Civil works of Lift at platform 2 & 3 completed (Rs. 10 lakhs). 3. Pre-fabricated toilet works at Tirunelveli, Palayankottai, Gangaikondan, Cheranmahadevi, Kallidaikurichi, Ambasamudram are completed. 4. Divyangjan toilets at Tirunelveli Town, Pettai, Cheranmahadevi, Kallidaikurichi&Palayankottai works are completed and commissioned (Rs. 10 lakhs). 5. Steel benches are provided at Tirunelveli, Palayankottai, Tirunelveli Town, Kallidaikurichi&Ambasamudram stations (Rs. 6 lakhs). 6. Doubling work at Talaiyuthu, Gangaikondan stations including station building. 7. Platform shelter of 6 bays at platform-1 and 3 bays at platform-2 in Ambasamudram are in progress (Rs. 200 lakhs). 8. Waiting hall is provided at Kallidaikurichi (Rs. 30 lakhs). 9. Platform shelter for 5 bays at platform-1 (Rs. 50 lakhs) and 6 bays at platform – 2 & 3 (Rs. 60 lakhs) are completed in Tirunelveli station.

30.0	Extension of Nagercoil - Mangalore 16650/16649 Express to Tirunelveli/Tuticorin.
	<p><u>Response:</u> If the train 16649/16650 is extended to Tirunelveli/Tuticorin, the train will have an inconvenient arrival / departure at Tirunelveli/ Tuticorin. Hence the extension is not feasible.</p>
31.0	Request to construct bypass line in Tenkasi to avoid reversals and rename Keelapuliur as Tenkasi town.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present there is no operational requirement for a bypass. The same will be examined in future when the need arises.</p>
32.0	Request to increase mini shelters in KallidaiKurichi, KeezhaKadayam and Pavoorchatram at platform No.1.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Kallidaikurichi is a NSG 6 category station. This station has single platform and provided with 50 sqm of PF shelter on PF No.1. Additional PF shelter will be provided in future.</p> <p>Kilakadaiyam is a NSG 6 category stations. This station is already provided with 391 sqm of PF shelter on PF No.1. Additional PF shelter will be provided in future.</p> <p>Pavurchatram is a NSG 6 category station. This station is already provided with 391 sqm of PF shelter on PF No.1 and 88 sqm on PF No.2. Additional PF shelter will be provided in future.</p>
33.0	Request to speedup the platform length increase work of TCN - TEN - TSI sections.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The existing platform length at all the platforms in section TCN-TEN-TSI are adequate to hold the longest stopping train at respective stations except at Tenkasi (PF No.4), Nazareth (PF No.2) and Kayalpattinam&Tiruchendur (PF No.2/3). Feasibility study will be made for extension of platforms and will be proposed in the ensuing works programme.</p>
34.0	Request to refurbish TEN - TSI section stations platforms Name Boards to be refurbished as they got faded.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Work for brightening of name board is in progress. TDC for completion for work by March 2024.</p>

35.0	Request to arrange Coach identification boards in all stations of Tirunelveli and Tenkasi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Digital Coach indication Board is available on Platform No 1 & 2 at Tirunelveli.</p> <p>Further, Digital Coach Indication Board will be provided in all platforms at Tirunelveli under station re-development work.</p> <p>At Tenkasi, Ambasamudram & Cheranmahadevi, Static Coach indication Boards are available. Digital Coach indication board will be provided under on-going Amrit station scheme Phase-I Tenkasi&Ambasamudram.</p> <p>At KallidaiKurichi, Pavurchatram & Kila Kadaiyam, Division will provide static coach indication boards shortly.</p>
36.0	Request to increase the coach capacity in SCT - PUU section to augment more coaches.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Trial run test by RDSO with LHB Coach has been completed, trial run with ICF Coach yet to be conducted. After completing trial run will be considered.</p>
37.0	a. Short termination of 22619/22620 Bilaspur-Tirunelveli weekly exp. at Kochuveli.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Short termination at Kochuveli is not feasible due to the acute terminal constraints at Kochuveli railway station and will adversely affect the existing users and hence not feasible.</p>
	b. Extension of Train No.16333/16334 Thiruvananthapuram – Veraval Weekly Express and Train No. 16311/16312 Kochuveli – Sriganganagar express to Tirunelveli
	<p><u>Response:</u> This trains are well patronized and extension of these trains as suggested will result in reduction in the availability of accommodation for the existing users. Hence extension to Tirunelveli as suggested is not feasible.</p>
38.0	Request to club Tirunelveli - Sengottai and Sengottai - Kollam as Tirunelveli - Kollam direct express special and also in return direction club Kollam - Sengottai and Sengottai - Tirunelveli operate as Kollam - Tirunelveli express special.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train No. 16328/16327 Guruvayur-Punalur-Guruvayur Express (Daily) has been amalgamated with Train No.06663/06503 Madurai – Sengottai - Madurai Express special and Train No. 06659/06660 (old No. 56737/56738) Sengottai-Kollam-Sengottai Express special to run as Madurai -Guruvayur - Madurai Express with effect from 28.08.2023.</p>

39.0	Request to convert KallidaiKurichias Block station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Kallidaikurchi (KIC), an existing Clerk in charge (CNC) station, situated between Cheranmahadevi and Ambasamudram (Inter Distance 15.44km) in Tirunelveli (TEN) – Tenkasi (TSI) Section. The Inter distance between Ambasamudram and Kallidai Kuruchi (CNC) stations is 4.37km only. Line capacity utilization of TEN–TSI Section is 38.8% and there is no operational requirement for provision of an additional crossing station at Kallidai Kurchi as of now.</p>
40.0	(a) Request to run the following trains as daily.
	(i) Kanniyakumari - New Delhi daily train by Extending Train Nos.12615/12616 New Delhi- Chennai Central Grand Trunk Express to Kanniyakumari)
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train No. 12615/12616 MGR Chennai Central- New Delhi Grand Trunk Express is well patronised and extension of the train as suggested will result in reduction in the availability of accommodation for the existing users and hence not feasible.</p>
	(ii) Request to increase the frequency of Trains No.16339/16340 (Nagercoil-Mumbai) and Train No.16351/16352 (MUM CST-Nagercoil express) to daily.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted. Increasing the frequency and conversion of train type are policy matters which comes under the purview of Railway Board Increase in the frequency of Train 16351/16352 Mumbai CST - Nagercoil Express is not feasible since the train shares a common path with other non-daily trains.</p>
	(b) Request to convert Nagercoil - Tambaram triweekly express can be converted to daily express.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted. However Introduction of new inter zonal trains is a continuous process which is subject to commercial demand, availability of path, rolling stock and other infrastructural resources.</p>
41.0	Request to extend Madurai - Punalur Train No.16730/16729 express exp to Velankanni via. Dindugal, Tiruchchirappalli, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The rake of Train No.16729/16730 Madurai-Punalur is having primary Maintenance at Madurai and facilities for rake maintenance are not available at Nagapattinam. Hence this proposal is not feasible.</p>

42.0	Request to consider increasing 12689/12690 Chennai Central - Nagercoil weekly overnight superfast express to tri-weekly atleast by duly diverting it via Madurai, Dindigul, Namakkal, Karur, and Salem without touching Tiruchirappalli route as very minimal passengers are boarding and de-boarding at Tiruchirappalli Railway Station.
	Response: Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Central, it is not feasible to increase the frequency of Train No.12689/90 Chennai Central-Nagercoil Weekly Express.
43.0	(i) Request to extend Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil Train No.06433/06428 Special Express train to Tirunelveli via Nagercoil Town (NJT).
	Response: Train No. 06433/06428 Thiruvananthapuram - Nagercoil Express Special is run in an integrated link with other passenger trains. Also, the extension as suggested will cut into the block time available for maintenance of assets. Hence the request is not feasible.
	(ii) Extension of Train No.06641/06642 Tirunelveli - Nagercoil express special to Kochuveli via. Nagercoil Town (NJT).
	Response: Due to acute terminal constraints at Kochuveli extension of T.No.06642 Tirunelveli-Nagercoil passenger to Kochuveli is not operationally feasible.
44.0	Request to introduce car-carrier service from Chennai to the Southern districts of Tamil Nadu upto Kanniyakumari to avoid private own transport/vehicles in order to curb the pollution and global warming, save fuel and the environment as a whole.
	Response: There is no proposal for Ro-Ro service for movement of cars in Southern Railway.
45.0	Request to change the time and convert super-fast express of Train No.17235/17236 Bangaluru-Nagercoil.
	Response: The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted.
46.0	Request for extension of following trains to Kanniyakumari.
	<u>CHENNAI BOUND TRAINS TO KANNIYAKUMARI.</u>
	(i) Train Nos.12615/12616 Chennai Central - New Delhi Grand Trunk Express
	Response: 1Train No. 12615/12616 MGR Chennai Central- New Delhi Grand Trunk Express is well patronised and extension of the train as suggested will result in reduction in the availability of accommodation for the existing users and hence not feasible.

	(ii) Train Nos.12611/12612 MGR Chennai Central – Hazrat Nizamuddin Garib Rath weekly Express.
	Response: Path constraints in Madurai – Virudunagar – Tirunelveli – Nagercoil section and infrastructural constraints at Kanniyakumari preclude extension of Train No.12611/12612 to Kanniyakumari as suggested.
	(iii) Train No.15929/15930 Tambaram - New Tinsukia Weekly Express,
	(iv) Train No.15629/15630 Tambaram - Silghat Town Nagaon Weekly Express
	Response: Train No. 15929/15930 Tambaram – New Tinsukia Weekly Express & Train No. 15629/15630 Tambaram – Silghat Town Weekly Express are operated with the rakes owned by North Frontier Railway and has secondary maintenance at Tambaram. The lie-over time available for the trains is insufficient for their extension to Kanniyakumari as suggested.
	(v) Train No. 12433/12434 Chennai Central –HazratNizamuddinRajdhani Express (at least one weekly service out of two services per week)
	Response: Train No. 12433/12434 Chennai – NizamuddinRajdhani Express runs in an integrated link and the lie over time available for the train at Chennai is insufficient for its extension to Kanniyakumari.
	<u>VILLUPURAM BOUND TRAINS TO KANNIYAKUMARI</u>
	(vi) Train No.22603/22604 Villupuram - Kharagpur Express
	Response: The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted
	<u>TIRUCHCHIRAPALI BOUND TRAINS TO KANNIYAKUMARI</u>
	(vii) Train No.12664/12663 Tiruchchirappalli - Howrah Bi-weekly Express
	Response: Train No. 12663/12664 Howrah–Tiruchchirappalli Bi-weekly Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli. Lie-over time available for the train on Tuesdays is 10 hours 55 minutes which is insufficient for its extension to Kanniyakumari as suggested.
	(viii) Train No.22498/22497 Tiruchchirappalli - ShriGanganagar weekly Humsafar Express.
	Response: The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted.

	<u>MADURAI BOUND TRAINS TO KANNIYAKUMARI</u>
	(ix) Train No.12687/12688 Madurai - Chandigarh bi weekly Express
	<u>Response:</u> The rake of Train No.12687/12688 Madurai-Chandigarh-Madurai Express undergoes primary maintenance at Madurai. The lie-over time (9hrs 45 minutes) at Madurai is insufficient for extension to Kanniyakumari.
	(x) Extension of 16721/22 Madurai- Coimbatore daily express to Nagercoil
	<u>Response:</u> T. No. 16721/16722 Coimbatore - Madurai-Coimbatore Express undergoes primary maintenance at Madurai and also due to insufficient lie over at Madurai, extension of this train is not feasible.
	(xi) Train No.22631/22632 Madurai - Biknar Weekly AC express to Kanniyakumari
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP for extension of trains is noted.
	<u>COIMBATORE BOUND TRAINS TO KANNIYAKUMARI</u>
	(xii) Coimbatore - Hisar AC weekly super-fast express via. Pollachi, Palani, Dindugal and Madurai.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP for extension of trains is noted. However the rake is owned by NWR concurrence of NWR is required.

47.0	<p>Request to inform railway development works carried out during the last five years in the following stations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ambasamundram (NSG5) 2. Gangaikondan (NSG6) 3. Karaikkurichchi (HG2) 4. KizhaAmbur (HG2) 5. Kilidaikurichi (NSG6) 6. Kilakadaiyam (NSG6) 7. Mettur (NSG6) 8. Palayamkottai (NSG6) 9. Pettai (NSG6) 10. Ravansamudram (NSG6) 11. Talaiyuthu (NSG6) 12. Tirunelveli Jn. (NSG3) 13. Thathankulam (NSG6) 14. Tirunelveli Town (NSG6) 15. Kavalkinaru (HG3) 16. Melappalayam (HG3) 17. North Panakudi (NSG6) 18. Sengulam (NSG6) 19. Valliyur (NSG5)
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>1. Ambasamundram (NSG5) - This station has been identified for development as Amrit Station for providing enhanced passenger amenities. Phase I development works for this station has been sanctioned and works are in progress TDC-May 2024 which includes providing Entrance & Exit arches, Improvements in circulating area by providing wider lanes for vehicles movement, separate pedestrian pathway, façade work, covered parking space 681 sqm, new upper class and general waiting hall, improvements to exg buildings, Divyangjan facilities likes ramps with hand rails, toilets and booking counters, passenger information system, train indication boards, coach indication boards, 2 Nos of Life at exg FOB, new PF shelter 1 bay on PF 1 and New 6m wide FOB for connectinf PF 1, 2 & 3 and second entry for an amount of Rs.10.81 Cr.</p> <p>Pre-fabricated toilet, improvements to goods shed road, steel benches, PF shelters 6 bays in PF NO.1 & 3 bays in PF No 2 has been recently completed for an amount of Rs.2.50 Cr.</p> <p>2. Gangaikondan (NSG6) – Pre-fabricated toilet &Divyang toilet at GDN station works are in progress. (4 lakhs).Doubling work including new station building and New PFs 1, 2 & 3 completed and commissioned by RVNL recently. New goods shed yard completed and commissioned.</p> <p>3. Karaikkurichchi (HG2) –Brightening of KARK station building & work for Divyangjan facilities such as Ramp, Water cubicles are in progress (5 lakhs).</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. KizhaAmbur (HG2) –Brightening of station KIB building & work for Divyangjan facilities such as Ramp, water cubicles are in progress (5 lakhs). 5. Kilidaikurichi (NSG6) –Pre-fabricated toilet at KIC station &Divyangjan toilet at KIC station are in progress (3 lakhs). Brightening of station building, steel benches & passenger waiting hall work completed (30 lakhs). Platform shelters for 50 sqm are in progress. TDC Apr-2024. 6. Kilakadaiyam (NSG6) –The existing amenities are as per MEA norms and as of now, further development work is not planned. 7. Mettur (NSG6) –The existing amenities are as per MEA norms and as of now, further development work is not planned. 8. Palayamkottai (NSG6) –Pre-fabricated toilet at PCO station &Divyangjan toilet at PCO station are in progress (3 lakhs). Steel benches wer provided (2 lakhs). 9. Pettai (NSG6) –Divyangjan toilet at PEA station (3 lakhs), works for Divyangjan facilities such as Ramp, water cubicles are in progress (5 lakhs). 10. Ravansamudram (NSG6) –Divyangjan toilet at RVS station (3 lakhs), work for Divyangjan facilities such as Ramp, water cubicles are in progress (5 lakhs). 11. Talaiyuthu (NSG6)-Divangjan toilet work is in progress (4 lakhs), doubling work including new station building and new PF 1, 2 & 3 completed and commissioned by RVNL. 12. Tirunelveli Jn. (NSG3) –Tirunelveli Jn. Has been identified for redevelopment under Major up gradation scheme in order to provide scheme in order to provide passenger amenities at enhanced standards. Consultancy contract was awarded on 04.11.2022 for techno economic feasibility study and the study is in progress. Master plan prepared and DPR is under process of approval from Railway Board. <p>Following works have been recently completed. Granite flooring at PF NO.1 (50 lakhs), Lift at PF 2 & 3, 4 & 5 lift civil works (10 lakhs), pre-fabricated toilet, PF 1 shelter 5 bays, PF 2 & 3 shelter 6 bays and steel benches.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Thathankulam (NSG6) –Divyangjan toilet work completed and commissioned, (3 lakhs) & steel benches provided (1 lakh) 14. Tirunelveli Town (NSG6)-Divyangjan toilet works completed and commissioned, (3 lakhs) & steel benches provided (1 lakh)
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	Kavalkinaru (HG3), Melappalayam (HG3), North Panakudi (NSG6), Sengulam (NSG6), Valliyur (NSG5) : - Passenger amenities are provided at Melappalayam, Sengulam, Nanguneri, Valliyur, North Panakudi, Kavalkinaru as per Minimum Essential Amenities norms. Plan will be made for improvement in future.
48.0	Request to provide list of approved works, status & target date at locations Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari & Tenkasi.
	<u>Response:</u> The list of approved works at locations within the Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari and Tenkasi constituency is furnished as annexure
49.0	Request to OHE energise depot pitline No.2 for future development
	<u>Response:</u> Work is being carried out by RVNL along with doubling work.
50.0	Request to add one exclusive First AC coach in Nellai Express as like KK Express.
	<u>Response:</u> Presently Train No.12631/32 Chennai Egmore – Tirunelveli – Chennai EgmoreNellai Express is running with a 1A/2A composite coach. The 1A facility was introduced in this train from June 2023 onwards. The present occupancy and the average dropped waitlist data shows that the existing arrangement is sufficient to cater the demand from 1A passengers.

**GM's Meeting with Hon'ble MPsof the region served by
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	Shri Karti P. Chidambaram, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Sivagangai Constituency
1.0	Request to speed up and complete the stopped construction work of Foot Over Bridge with lift facility at Karaikudi Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Karaikkudi (KKDI) station is under ABSS for modernisation. Lift facility will be made on completion of the proposed new FOB. However, 3 lifts are sanctioned to provide at Old FOB PF1, 2&3 and 4&5. The provision of lift work is in progress. The phase-I works will be completed by September 2024.</p>
2.0	Request to open LC No.182 falling in the route from Karaikudi, Kandanur to Mayavaram via Pudukkottai and Aranthangi for public usage.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The level crossing gate no.182 situated at Km 180/000-100 between KandanurPudukkottai-Karaikudi stations in Tiruturaipundi-Karaikudi section was having very low TVU of 1984 as per the census of the year 2005. This LC was closed during Gauge Conversion by diverting the road traffic to level crossing gate no 183 (TVU-60408 as per census on Aug'22) at Km 180/600-700 which is 600m away from closed LC 182 duly obtaining the consent of District Collector of Sivagangai vide Lr.No.H2-8976-2012, dated 10.08.2012. Hence, the request to open LC No.182 cannot be considered.</p>
3.0	Request to resume the services of Kamban Express running from Karaikudi to Chennai via Aranthangi, Pattukottai and Mannargudi stopped after conversion of the route to Broad Gauge.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train No.20683/20684: Tambaram-Sengottai-Tambaram (Tri-Weekly) Express is now running w.e.f 08.04.2023 via Karaikudi, Tiruturaipundi and Pattukottai and connects (Chennai) Tambaram. Additionally the following trains also connect Karaikudi and Chennai Egmore.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Train No.22536/22535: Banaras-Rameswaram-Banaras Weekly Superfast Express. 2. Train No.20896/20895: Bhubaneswar-Rameswaram-Bhubaneswar Weekly Superfast Express. 3. Train No.20498/20497: Firozpur-Rameswaram-Firozpur Weekly Superfast Express. 4. Train No.22614/22613: Ayodhya-Rameswaram-Ayodhya ShradhaSetu Weekly Superfast Express.

	<p>5. Train No.20681/20682: Chennai Egmore-Sengottai-Chennai Egmore Silambu Tri-Weekly Superfast Express.</p> <p>6. Train No.12605/12606: Chennai Egmore-Karaikudi-Chennai Egmore Pallavan Express (Daily).</p> <p>7. Train No.22661/22662: Chennai Egmore-Rameswaram-Chennai Egmore Superfast Express (Daily)</p> <p>8. Train No.16751/16752: Chennai Egmore-Rameswaram-Chennai Egmore Superfast Express(Daily).</p>
4.0	(i) Request to provide Waiting room in the entrance building at the empty place of new Railway Karaikudi Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Karaikudi is a NSG4 category station. This station is provided with all the Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms.</p> <p>Waiting room: This station is provided with waiting room of 73sqm. for Gents and 52 sqm. for Ladies. In addition 192sqm of waiting hall is also available at this station as against the norms of 75 sqm.</p> <p>Further, this station has been identified for development under Amrit station Scheme for providing enhanced passenger amenities.</p> <p>A waiting hall with an area of 310 sqm with Gents / Ladies / Divyangjan toilet cum bathroom and baby feeding room will be provided under Amrit Station Scheme and the work is under progress and will be completed by September 2024.</p>
	(ii) Request for two-wheeler parking at new Railway Karaikudi Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Car-Scooter-Cycle parking contract has been awarded through e-auction at Karaikudi from 19.10.2022 to 18.10.2035 for 3 years. Shelter for parking at one side for 207 Sqm out of 551 Sqm has already been provided. Roof for parking will be completed under Amrit Station Scheme.</p> <p>TDC- September 2024.</p>
	(iii) Request for electrical lights at new Railway Karaikudi Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Karaikkudi (KKDI) station is under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, illumination will be improved for all the platforms under the scheme and work is in progress.</p> <p>Phase-I TDC- September 2024.</p>
	(iv) Request for new coach indicating digital board and loud speakers in all platforms of new Railway Karaikudi Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Work is in progress for provision of Coach Indicating Digital Board and speakers in all the Platforms under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.</p> <p>Phase-I TDC- September 2024.</p>

5.0	Request to provide halt of Rameswaram Ayodhya Express train Nos.22613/22614 in Karaikudi duly operating the train as three days a week at Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Stoppage of Train No.22614/22613: Ayodhya-Rameswaram-Ayodhya ShraddhaSetu Weekly Superfast Express at Karaikudi has been provided w.e.f 22.09.2023.</p> <p>The average tickets sold at Sivagangai is less than the norms of Railway Board for providing stoppage of additional Express trains.</p> <p>Train No.22614/22613: Ayodhya-Rameswaram-Ayodhya ShraddhaSetu Weekly Superfast Express stops at Manamadurai which is 20 Kms from Sivagangai.</p> <p>Providing stoppage at shorter intervals for long distance trains will adversely affect the overall travel experience of on-boarding passengers and also affect the superfast nature of the train.</p>
6.0	Request to provide stop of Train from Secunderabad to Ramewaram at Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> T.No.07695/96 Rameswaram – Secunderabad-Rameswaram Weekly Special, operated by South Central Railway is not running at present.</p>
7.0	Request to provide halt of Train No. 05119 Manduadi Express at Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Train No.22536: Banaras-Rameswaram Express is already stopping at Sivagangai.</p> <p>The stoppage at Sivagangai for Train No.22535 was eliminated due to sustained poor patronage over years.</p> <p>However Train NO.22535 stops at Manamadurai which is 20 Kms from Sivagangai. Providing stoppage at shorter intervals for long distance trains will adversely affect the overall travel experience of on-board passengers and also will affect the superfast nature of this train.</p>
8.0	Request to provide new coach indicating digital boards for Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Static coach indication board is available at Sivagangai. Division has conducted e-auction for provision, operation and maintenance of Digital Coach Indication Board at Sivaganga thrice on 07.09.2022, 30.09.2022 & 03.03.2023. But there was no response. Tender will be called again shortly.</p>

9.0	Request to extend Roof in the First platform near AC Coach stopping area in Sivagangai station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Sivaganga is a NSG5 category station. This station is provided with 2720 sqm. of PF shelter on PF No.1 and 913sqm. of PF shelter on PF No.2/3. The existing platform shelter is available in KKDI end of platform-1 in SVGA Station.</p> <p>The existing arrangement is adequate for the present level of traffic and additional shelters will be considered in future depending on footfall.</p>
10.0	Request to extend Pallavan Express upto Manamadurai junction with stoppage at Sivagangai Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>T.No.12605: Chennai Egmore-Karaikudi Pallavan Express arrives Karaikudi at 22.35 hrs and returns as T.No.12606 at 05.35 hrs to Chennai Egmore. If it is extended to Manamadurai, the train will arrive and depart at very inconvenient hours from Manamadurai and hence it may not be popular among travelling public.</p>
11.0	(i) Request for Coach indicating digital boards in DevakottaiRashtha railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> E-auction for provision, operation and maintenance of Digital Coach Indication Board at DKO have been called twice on 07.09.2022 & 30.09.2022, but no response received. However, coach position information is painted on the surface of PF for the guidance of travelling public. Division will also provide stati coach indication boards at DKO shortly.</p>
	(ii) Request to increase platform height at DevakottaiRashtha railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Devakottai is a NSG5 category station. Tender is under finalization for raising the level of platform at Devakottai Station. The work will be completed once the agency is finalized.</p> <p>Roofing: This station has single platform provided with 364sqm of PF shelter. New platform shelter of 240 sqm (approximately) has been recently provided at platform-1 in Devakottai road Station.</p>
	(iii) Request for provision of roof in the platforms at DevakottaiRashtha railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> For rising the level of platform at DKO station, tender is under finalization. The work will be completed in December 2024.</p>

12.0	(i) Request to resume function of ticket reservation counter in Pudukottai Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> The average footfall per day is 8 and average earnings per day is Rs.258, which are very meagre and moreover no reserved trains have stoppage at KNPL.</p> <p>Amongst the 3 nearby PRS locations - PKT, ATQ and KKDI, KKDI station is only 6.42 KM away from KNPL halt station which can be utilized for booking of reserved tickets.</p> <p>Based on the above facts, KNPL being a halt station, provision of PRS facility is commercially not feasible.</p>
	(ii) Request to provide proper lighting facilities & roof at platform of Pudukottai Railway station and clean.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At Pudukottai railway station, the defective lights are replaced and now all lights are in working condition.</p>
13.0	Request to resume function of reservation counter in Kottaiyur Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> Kottaiyur (HG 2) has been converted as Halt Station due to less traffic during pre COVID period and at present pre-printed tickets obtained from serving station are issued through Halt Agent.</p> <p>Presently, 4 pairs of trains having stoppage at Kottaiyur. Average ticket sale at this station is 77 per day during Apr-Jan 24.</p> <p>Reservation counters are available at either side of Kottaiyur station viz, Karaikudi (6 Kms) & Tirumayam (14.5 Kms).</p>
14.0	Request to provide a subway at Pulivalam in between Pudukottai and Tirumayam Railway stations.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Between TYM-PDKT stations near Pulivalam, at Km468/400-500, Unmanned LC No.390 is closed on 09.12.2018 after providing the diversion road to Manned LC no 389 at Km 467/400-500. AT this location formation level and ground level are same. Residential buildings are very nearer to the closed Un-Manned Level Crossing. Due to this above reason, diversion road has been provided. Subway at this location is not feasible as sufficient embankment height is not available.</p>

15.0	Request of subway near Namanasamudram Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Between TYM-PDKT stations near Namanasamudram, at Km 463/700-800 manned LC No 386 is closed on 16.06.2020 after providing the diversion road to Manned LC No.385 at Km 463/000-100. There is a lake near to closed LC No.386. Formation level to ground level is 1.00m only. Due to this above reason, a diversion road has been provided. It is not feasible for LUS as sufficient embankment height is not available and it is surrounded by water bodies.</p>
16.0	Request of halt of Pallavan and Rameswaram Express at Thirumayam Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> The average tickets sale at Tirumayam is less than the norms of Railway Board for providing stoppage of additional Express trains. T.Nos.12605/06 Chennai Egmore-Karaikudi Pallavan Express, T.No.16751/16752 & 22661/22662 Chennai Egmore-/rameswaram Expresses are stopping at Pudukkottai which is only 16 Kms from Tirumayam station. Providing stoppage at shorter intervals for long distance trains will slow down the trains and adversely affect the overall travel experience of on-board passengers.</p>
17.0	Request to provide a railway over bridge at Sri Ramnagar railway gate L.C No.411 in between Chettinad and Karaikudi Railway Station for public usage.
	<p><u>Response:</u> <u>TPJ-MNM Section @C Km 489/300-400 between Karaikudi and Chettinad Station:</u>The requested Rail Over Bridge is in lieu of LC No.411. The rail over bridge work was sanctioned in works programme 2023-24 on 50:50 cost sharing basis. Joint inspection was conducted by Railway Officials & Highways Department on 10.01.2024 and the alignment is under finalization.</p>
18.0	Request to provide with battery cars in platforms of all railway stations in Sivaganga Constituency for patients, physically handicapped persons and senior citizens for easy access.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The footfall at Ayingudi, KandanurPudhuvayal, Periyakottai and Valaramanickam Railway stations are too low to enable the operation of battery cars is unviable. However, if there is a sponsor for procurement and operations of battery cars under CSR, Railways would accept the same.</p>
19.0	Request to resume Rameshwaram-Jodhpur Express (Train No.04816) from Rameshwaram with halt at Karaikudi and Sivaganga Railway Stations.
	<p><u>Response:</u> T.No.14815/14816 was earlier being operated between Tambaram-Bhagat-Ki-Kothi. On restoration after COVID, the trains has been converted to Superfast and is being ooperated between Bhagat-Ki-Kothi and Tiruchchirappalli as Train No.20481/20482. Due to infrastructural constrainst at Rameswaram, it is not feasible to extend the train as suggested.</p>

20.0	Request for stoppage of Train No. 06618 from Coimbatore to Rameshwaram at Sivaganga Railway Station.
	Response: T.No.16618 Coimbatore-Rameswaram-Coimbatore (Weekly) Express train is provided with stoppage at Sivagangai w.e.f 19.07.2023.
21.0	Request to run Train no.16618 and 16619 Rameshwaram to Coimbatore Weekly Express via Karaikudi and Sivaganga as daily express train.
	Response: The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. T.No.16618/16617 Coimbatore-Rameswaram (Weekly) Express is running in an integrated link with T.No.16614/16613 Coimbatore-Rajkot (Weekly) Express. Due to acute terminal constraints at Coimbatore and T.No.16617/16618 shares common path with other non-daily trains. Increasing the frequency of the train to daily is not feasible.
22.0	Request to extend Train no.12264 and 12263 Trichy to Howrah weekly express upto Karaikudi Railway Station.
	Response: The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. T.No.12663/12664: Tiruchchirappalli-Howrah Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli. Facilities for rake maintenance are not available at Karaikudi and hence it is not feasible to extend T.No.12664/12663 Tiruchchirappalli-Howrah Bi-Weekly Superfast Express to Karaikudi.
23.0	Request to trial run Train no.06015 and 06016 Emakulam to Vellankanni Express once a week via Karaikudi, Pattukottai and Thiruvavoor on a daily basis.
	Response: The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. T.No.16361/62: Ernakulam-Vellankanni Bi-Weekly Express has been introduced w.e.f 25.09.2023. There are terminal constraints at Ernakulam and no maintenance facilities are available at Vellankanni. Hence, it is not feasible to increase the frequency of this train for the present.
24.0	Request to complete the survey work conducted by Railway Team to check the feasibility of providing a Railway Station for Nattarasankottai.
	Response: Nattarasankottai is situated between Sivaganga&Panangudi stations over Karaikudi-Manamadurai section. The line capacity utilisation of this section is 46% (2022-23) and there is no operational requirement for provision of additional crossing station over the section as of now.

25.0	Request to change Karaikudi Railway Station from Madurai Division to Trichy Division for the convenience of the public
	Response: Swapping of lines/Section pertains to powers of Railway Board.
26.0	Request to run additional motor during rainy season to take out water near ADEN Office for smooth transportation at Karaikudi Railway Station to avoid traffic problem.
	Response: <u>Subway 263 @ 495/600-700 between Karaikudi Yard:</u> The agency for subway drainage improvement work has been fixed. The additional pump will be being provided during heavy rains to bailout water.
27.0	Request to post separate staff to each reservation counters and unreserved ticket counters Karaikudi Railway Station.
	Response: Since both Passenger Reservation System and Unreserved Ticketing System transactions are below the prescribed yardstick, Integrated Unreserved Ticket System counter has been introduced at Karaikudi Jn. The average number of Passenger Reservation System form dealt at Karaikudi Jn. During Apr to Jan 24 was 124 per day and average number of Unreserved Ticketing System for the same period was 782 per day as against the Railway Board norms of 180 forms in Passenger Reservation System & 1000 tickets per shift per counter. Two Automatic Ticket Vending Machines have been provided with 2 facilitators. An average of 461 tickets is being issued at Automatic Ticket Vending Machine daily which is 59% of total unreserved tickets. There is gradual increase in the no. Of the tickets being taken through UTS-on-mobile app at this station.
28.0	Request to change the departure time of any one of the following night trains at Chennai Egmore to 09.45 hrs. (i) Chennai Egmore to Karaikudi daily, (ii) Chennai to Rameswaram (16851 and 22661) and (iii) Silambu Express (20181).
	Response: Departure timings of T.No.16751: Chennai-Rameswaram Express had been changed from 21.04 hrs to 19.15 hrs based on representations for early arrival into Rameswaram. Due to Platform constraints at Chennai Egmore, changing the departure time of T.No.20681 & 22661 to 21.45 hrs is not feasible for the present.

29.0	Request for an halt of train No.20974 Rameswaram to Train No.22613 and Ajmeer Express at Karaikudi and Sivagangai Railway Stations.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Stoppage of T.No 22613/22614 Rameswaram-Ayodhya ShraddhaSethu Express (Weekly) at Karaikudi has been provided w.e.f22.09.2023.</p> <p>T.No.22613/22614 Rameswaram-Ayodhya ShraddhaSethu Express (Weekly) is given stoppage at Manamdurai which is 20 Kms away from Sivagangai.</p> <p>The average tickets sold at Karaikudi and Sivagangai are less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional Express trains.</p> <p>T.No.20973/20974 and Firozpur-Rameswaram Humsafar Express stops at Pudukottai which is 36 Kms away from Karaikudi and at Manamadurai which is only 20 Kms away from Sivagangai.</p> <p>T.No.20973/20974 and Firozpur-Rameswaram Humsafar Express and T.No.22613/22614 Rameswaram – Ayodhya ShraddhaSethu Express (Weekly) are long distance trains. Providing stoppage at shorter intervals will slow down these trains and will affect the superfast nature of this long distance train.</p>
30.0	Request to set Digital Coach Indicators on platform no.1, 2, 3 & 4 at Karaikudi Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> Static Coach Indication board is available on Platform No.1 and Platform No.3 and Coach position information is painted on the surface of Platform No.2 and Platform No.4. Digital coach indication display boards will be provided at Karaikudi under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.</p> <p>TDC for Phase-I – September 2024.</p>
31.0	Request to extend Trichy to Chennai (Rockfort Express) train and Howrah Express train from Trichy to Chennai upto Karaikudi Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>T.No.12664/12663 Tiruchchirappalli-Howrah Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli facilities for rake maintenance are not available at Karaikudi and hence it is not feasible to extend T.NO.12664/12663 Tiruchchirappalli-Howrah Biweekly Superfast Express to Karaikudi.</p> <p>T.No.12653/12654: Chennai Egmore-Tiruchchirappalli Rockfort Express is the only over night train originating and terminating at Tiruchchirappalli. This train runs in an integrated link with other trains. Extension of this train will deprive the existing users at the originating station of an existing facility.</p> <p>Moreover there are no maintenance facilities at Karaikudi, hence extension to Karaikudi is not feasible.</p>

32.0	Request to operate Karaikudi to Tiruvarur train (both up and down directions) on daily basis.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>T.No.06197/06198 KKDI-TVRR Express is now operated 6 days in a week and it will be examined for increasing the frequency to daily. (CPTM)</p>
33.0	Request to run additional motor to collect water in the subway leading to Onaiyur village to avoid disruption of traffic due to water logging during monsoon.
	<p><u>Response:</u> LUS No.208A @475/800-900 between Tirumayam and Chettinad Stations: The agency for subway drainage improvement work has been fixed. The additional pump will be being provided during heavy rains to bailout water.</p>
34.0	Request for a halt of trains (Chennai -Sengottai, Chennai -Virudhunagar, Chennai - Rameshwaram) in Chettinad Railway Station as a domestic airport is coming up soon in Chettinad
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Stoppage at Chettinad dor T.NO.20681/20682 Chennai Egmore-Sengottai(Tri-Weekly via Virudunagar) Silambu Express and T.No.16751/16752 Chennai Egmore Rameswaram (Daily) Express was withdrawn due to years of continued poor patronage. Hence resumption of this stoppage is not feasible.</p> <p>However, the request is noted in view of the information regarding the possibility of a new airport.</p>
35.0	Thirukaragam (a holy pot water) to ThimamayamllanjavurMuthumarimman temple is taken via Karaikudi Trichy-bound 472/3 railway route every year for two days when the railway line was a broad gauge line. Last year due to conversion of the railway line from broad gauge to electric line, this was not allowed. We request to open this railway route for two days every year during this annual festival.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The residents of Thirumayam village have requested to allow the temple procession carrying holy pots on head to cross the railway tracks at km 472/300 between Thirumayam and llanjavur. But, it is unsafe and not allowed for public to cross the track as per Section 147 of the Railways Act 1989. Instead it is brought to kind notice that there are two manned level crossings on either side of the said location i.e. LC No. 395 at km 472/800-900 between Thirumayam and Chettinadu stations in TPJ-MNM section and LC No. 389 at km 467/400-500 between Pudukottai and Thirumayam stations in TPJ-MNM section. The LC No. 395 is just 500 metres away from the said location, which can be used for the safe crossing of temple procession carrying holy pots. Further as the section is electrified, there is a risk of electrocution while crossing the track. Proper permission along with payment of requisite charges for power block during crossing of track is advised.</p>

36.0	<p>Secounderabad Rameswaram Special Express (trainNo. 07685) reaches Rameswaram via Chennai Egmore, Mayiladuthurai, Tiruvarur, Pattukottai, Aranthangi and Karaikudi. Similarly, Rameswaram Secunderabad Special Express Train (train No. 07686) reaches Seounderabad via Karaikudi, Aranthangi, "ruvarur. If this train passes through Kandanur and Pudhuvayal Railway Station stop be of way it will help the villagers of 128 surrounding villages and the public of KandanurPudhuvayal to go to Chennai for doing business.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> T.No.07695/96 Rameswaram-Secunderabad-Rameswaram Weekly Special is operated by South Central Railway and is not running at present.</p>
37.0	<p>Request to run Train No.06035/06036 VelakKanni to Emakulam three days in a week.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> T.No.16361/62 Ernakulam-Velankanni Bi-Weekly Express has been introduced w.e.f. 25.09.2023. Due to acute terminal constraints at Ernakulam and no maintenance facilities at Velankanni, it is not feasible to increase the frequency of this train for the present.</p>
38.0	<p>Request to run train No. 20973/20974 Rameswaram / Ajmeer from Ferozpur to Ramswarem and return train as three days a week with stoppage in Karaikudi Railway Station.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>The rake of Train No.20973/20974 (New Train No.20497/20498) Firozpur-Rameswaram-Firozpur Humsafar Superfast Weekly Express belongs to Northern Railway. Hence increasing the frequency of these trains pertains to Northern Railway. However due to terminal constraints at Rameswaram and suspension of traffic over PambanBridge , it is not feasible to increase the frequency.</p> <p>The average ticket sale at Karaikudi is less than the norms of Railway Board for provision of stoppage for additional Express trains.</p> <p>Train No.20973/20974 (New T.No.20497/20498) Firozpur-Rameswaram Humsafar Express stops at Pudukottai which is 36 Kms from Karaikudi. Providing stoppage at shorter intervals for long distance trains will slow down the trains and adversely affect the overall travel experience of on-board passengers.</p>

39.0	Request to Train No. 22535/22536 Rameswaram / Banaras Train should run three days in a week.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>The rake of T.No.22535/22536 Rameswaram-Banaras-Rameswaram Superfast Weekly Express belongs to North Eastern Railway. Hence increasing the frequency of these trains pertains to North Eastern Railway.</p> <p>However, due to terminal constraints at Rameswaram and suspension of traffic over Pamban Bridge, it is not feasible to increase the frequency.(CPTM)</p>
40.0	Request to run Train No. 07695/07696 Secunderabad / Rameswaram train three days in a week.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The rakes of this train are owned by South Central Railway. Hence, the subject of increasing the frequency of this train pertains to South Central Railway.</p> <p>However, due to terminal constraints at Rameswaram and suspension of traffic over Pamban Bridge, it is not feasible to increase the frequency.</p>
41.0	Request to run Train No. 20681/20682 Silambu Express from Chennai to Sengottai daily and extend upto Manamadurai.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Increase in frequency of T.No.20681/20682 Chennai Egmore- Sengottai Silambu Express from Tri-Weekly to daily is not feasible due to acute terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore and this train shares common path with other non-daily trains. This train is already provided stoppage at Manamadurai.</p>
42.0	Request to operate Train Nos.06886/06885, 06887/06888 Trichy-Karaikudi-Virudunagar daily.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The rakes of this train undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli on Sundays. Hence increase in frequency is not feasible.</p>
43.0	Request to run Train No. 20895/20896 Rameswaram to Bhubaneswar three days in a week.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>The rake of T.No.20895/20896 is owned by East Coast Railway and integrated with rake of T.No.12897/12898 Bhubaneswar-Puducherry weekly express.</p> <p>However, due to terminal constraints at Rameswaram and suspension of traffic over Pamban Bridge, it is not feasible to increase the frequency.</p>

44.0	Request to operate Train No. 06197/06198 Tiruvarur to Karaikudi on all days.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>T.No.06197/06198 Karaikudi-Tiruvaur Express special is now operated 6 days in a week. Increasing the frequency to run this train daily will be examined taking into account the safety examination requirement of the rake.</p>
45.0	Request to run Train No.16861/16862 Pondicherry to Kanyakumari three days in a week
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>There are acute terminal constraints at PUducherry. Moreover, this train is running in an integrated link with other trains and hence increase in frequency of T.No.16861/16862 is not feasible.</p>
46.0	Request for Railway over bridge at Sivagangai to Ilayangudi main road Indira Nagar Gate.
	<p><u>Response:</u> <u>LC-444 at Km 537/500-600 between Sivagangai and Melakulam Stations in TPJ-MNM Section.</u> TVU of this LC is 59,656 as on March 2022. The traffic density at this LC is less than 1 Lakh TVU. This LC does not qualify for replacement by Rail Over Bridge on cost sharing basis. This representation will be reviewed as per extant Railway Board Norms.</p>
47.0	Request to provide Logistic facilities Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Parcel Office at Sivagangai has been closed with effect from 01.09.2021 since low patronage. During 2021-22 (Apr-Mar), only daily average of 0.2 Qtl booked with an earnings of ₹ 70/-</p> <p>However, Division has permitted to book luggage ticket for the convenience of travelling public. During 2022-23 (APR-MAR), 42 Nos of packages weighing 67 quintals were booked as luggage with an earning of ₹11140/-.</p>
48.0	<u>NEW TRAINS</u>
48.1	Request for a new train service from Rameshwaram to Bengaluru via Manamadurai, Sivagangai, Karaikudi, Pudukottai, Trichy, Karur, Namakkal, Salem.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Timings for a new Weekly Express between Hubballi and Rameswaram via Tiruchchirappalli and Bengaluru has been submitted to Railway Board. Railway Board approval is awaited for introduction.</p>

48.2	Request to extend Express Train from Palakkad to Trichy till Karaikudi or Manamadurai Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>The rakes of T.No.16843/16844 Tiruchchirappallu-Palakkad Town Express are running in an integrated rake link with other trains. The lie-over time available at TPJ is insufficient for the extension to Karaikudi/Manamadurai.(CPTM)</p>
48.3	Request for a new daily train by name Andhyodhaya Express from Chennai Tambaram to Sengottai via Thiruvaroor, Pattukottai, Aranthangi, Karaikudi, Manamadurai and Aruppukottai.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. Due to acute terminal constraints at Chennai and Sengottai, and corridor block for maintenance of assets/safety works enroute. Hence it is not feasible to introduce a new daily train at present as suggested. (CPTM)</p>
48.4	Request to run additional trains during the day time from Trichy to Manamadurai via Karaikudi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Due to terminal constraints at Tiruchchirappalli, it is not feasible for introduction of a new daily train between Tiruchchirappalli and Manamadurai at present.(CPTM)</p>
48.5	Request for a new passenger train from Tiruvarur to Madurai via Karaikudi, Sivagangai and Manamadurai.
	<p><u>Response:</u> There is no terminal facility at Tiruvarur and the maintenance facilities at Madurai are saturated. It is not feasible for introduction of new train at present as suggested.</p>
48.6	Chennai Nellai Express was running previously via Trichy, Karaikudi, Manamadurai and Virudhunagar. This route was diverted via Virudhunagar, Madurai and Trichy due to Broad gauge. The train may be resumed to run through its original route.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Diverting T.No.12631/32 Chennai Egmore-Tirunelveli Nellai Express will deprive passengers in Tiruchchirappalli-Madurai-Virudunagar section of an existing connection.</p> <p>Moreover, this diverted route will increase the overall running time due to path constraints in the Tiruchchirappalli-Karaikudi-Manamadurai-Virudunagar single line section which will be resented by the existing users. Hence, it is not feasible to divert this train.</p>

48.7	Request for new passenger train from Thiruvavoor to Madurai via Karaikudi, Sivagangai and Manamadurai in day time is requested.
	<p><u>Response:</u> There is no terminal facility at Tiruvarur and the maintenance facilities at Madurai are saturated. It is not feasible for introduction of new train at present as suggested.</p>
48.8	Request to resume running of Chennai-Nellai express via Trichy, Karaikudi, Manamadurai and Virudhu Nagar (in its original route) .
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Diverting T.No.12631/32 Chennai Egmore-Tirunelveli Nellai Express will deprive passengers in Tiruchchirappalli-Madurai-Virudunagar section of an existing connection.</p> <p>Moreover, this diverted route will increase the overall running time due to path constraints in the Tiruchchirappalli-Karaikudi-Manamadurai-Virudunagar single line section which will be resented by the existing users. Hence, it is not feasible to divert this train.</p>
48.9	Request to operate new train from Karaikudi to Madurai via Tiruvarur and Karaikudi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> There is no terminal facility at Karaikudi and the existing maintenance facilities at Madurai are saturated. It is not feasible for introduction of a new train at present.</p>
49.0	<u>NEW ROUTES</u>
49.1	Request for new train route from Karaikudi to Madurai via Thirupattur
	<p><u>Response:</u> Updating RET Survey has been conducted between Madurai to Karaikudi via Melur. Report was submitted to Railway Board on 27.11.2014. Length:85.7 km. IRR (-) 7.742% Railway Board has Shelved the project on 15.01.2016.</p>
49.2	Request for new train route from Karaikudi to Tuttukudi via Devakottai and Ramanathapuram as Survey work for the said route has been conducted but no progress thereafter.
	<p><u>Response:</u> RET Survey has been conducted between Karaikudi to Tuttukudi via Devakottai and Ramanathapuram. Report was submitted to Railway Board on 30.08.2011. Length:214.81 km. IRR (+) 3.044% Railway Board has Shelved the project on 31.12.2013.</p>

49.3	Request for new train route from Karaikudi to Dindigul via Thirupattur and Natham.
	<u>Response:</u> RET Survey has been conducted between Karaikudi to Dindigul via Thirupattur and Natham. Report was submitted to Railway Board on 06.07.2015. Length: 105.60 km. IRR (-) 10.647% Railway Board has Shelved the project on 31.03.2016.
49.4	Request for New train route from Manapparai to Rameshwaram via Ponnamaravathy, Thirupattur and Karaikudi.
	<u>Response:</u> No Survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board in this route
49.5	Request for new train route from Madurai to Thondi Harbour.
	<u>Response:</u> No Survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board in this route.
50.0	<u>RAILWAY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES</u>
50.1	Request to set up pit line facility at Karaikudi Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> The available pit line facility at Madurai Division is adequate to cater the maintenance requirement.
50.2	Request action on - When Karaikudi Railway Station was meter gauged, a goods train was operating. When Karaikudi Railway Station was converted to broad gauge, this service was discontinued. Request to run the goods train again.
	<u>Response:</u> Possible efforts will be undertaken to improve goods traffic.
51.0	<u>VARIOUS RAILWAY REQUESTS (NEW)</u>
51.1	Request to give permission to construct pensioner's quarters (Building request No. 66/2019/2020) in a private property place situated near Manamadurai Railway Colony and Railway Hospital in Manamadurai.
	<u>Response:</u> There is no approach road to the said private property as it is covered by Railway Land on three sides and a private building on one side. If NOC is issued, then Party will use the Railway Land as approach road. Hence, NOC was not issued. If Party apply for Way leave Facility through online, the same will be processed as per extant policies and guidelines.

51.2	Request to run Special Train from Karaikudi to Palani during Thai Poosam Festival as that of Ernakulam-Sabarimalai during Sabaraimalai season.
	<p><u>Response:</u> During Thaipoosam 2024, the following special trains were operated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Villupuram-Cuddalore Port-Villupuram via Virudachalam 2. Cuddalore Port-Villupuram-Cuddalore Port 3. Madurai-Palani-Madurai via Dindigul 4. Coimbatore-Dindigul-Coimbatore via Palani.
51.3	Request permission to use 5 acre empty railway land for Panchayat Middle School Student's Play Ground in Thirupacheti Village.
	<p><u>Response:</u> There is no request received from School/Panchayat authorities regarding sparing of Railway Land. After receiving of the proposal, the Railway land may be spared as per extent instructions.</p>
51.4	Wanted to know whether the fly over bridge at Kottaiyur Railway Gate no. 411 requested earlier has took part in the PIN BOOK.
	<p><u>Response:</u> <u>TPJ-MNM Section @ Km 489/300-400 between KKDI and Chettinad Stations:</u> The requested Rail Over Bridge is in lieu of LC No.411 along with LUS. The rail over bridge work was sanctioned in works programme 2023-24 on 50:50 cost sharing basis. Joint inspection was conducted by Railway Officials & Highways Department on 10.01.2023 and the alignment is under finalization.</p>
51.5	Request to keep intact the present entrance to the Railway Station in on going construction of compound wall at Karaikudi Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The existing entrance to the Railway Station will be maintained without any disturbance.</p>
51.6	Request to install RO Water Plant in all railway stations falling in Sivaganga Constituency.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Provision of RO water through CSR at stations under Sivagangai constituency will be explored. Division also welcomes potential parties for providing RO water plant at stations on CSR scheme.</p>
51.7	Request to keep the toilets maintained clean and hygienically in all railway stations falling in Sivaganga Constituency.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Cleanliness and hygiene is being maintained in all toilets available at railway stations over MDU Division and the same will be ensured.</p>

51.8	Request to make all railway stations falling in Sivaganga constituency user friendly for differently abled persons.
	<p><u>Response:</u> For facilitating differently abled persons, provision of ramps, parking slot, water cubicles etc are being provided.</p> <p>Improved user friendly amenities for differently abled passengers like Ramps, Booking counter, Divyangjan Toilet, drinking water booth, Parking slot with signage are being provided at stations under Sivagangai constituency. For facilitating differently abled persons, provision of ramps, parking slot, water cubicles, low height booking counters etc are being provided. Work is in progress for provision of water cubicles, ramps and parking slots at DKO, CTND, KAL, KKDI, SVGA, KTYR, MEKM, PNGI, RAGM, MNM, ILA, TVN, TPC and TYM stations. The works are expected to be completed in the year 2024.</p>
51.9	Request to fix CCTV in all the railway stations falling in Sivaganga constituency.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The work for provision of CCTV is in progress by M/s.RailTel. TDC: February 2025.</p>
51.10	Request to increase the height of platform in Devakottai railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Devakottai is a NSG5 category station. Tender is under finalization for raising the level of platform at Devakottai Station. The work will be completed once the agency is finalized. TDC: March 2025.</p>
51.11	Request not to close the Railway Level Crossing Gate near DevakottaiRastha railway station till a sub way is built there to enable public use the same.
	<p><u>Response:</u> <u>LC NO.420 (interlocked) at Km 499/0-100 between KKDI and KAL Stations in TPJ-MNM Sections:</u> The LC will not be closed till the date of completion of subway works.</p>
51.12	Request to see that all express trains passing through Manamadurai, Sivagangai, DevakottaiRastha, Karaikudi, Tirumayam and Pudukottai station are stopped in the above stations.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Provision of stoppage for all Express trains at frequent intervals will slow down the trains and will adversely affect the overall travel experience of on-board passengers.</p>

51.13	Request to extend the Mannargudi train till Manamadurai railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> T.No.06829/06830 Tiruchchirappalli-Manamadurai DEMU Unreserved Express specialise heavily patronized commuter train which is overcrowded and often generates passenger complaints during peak timings. Further extension to another popular place will contribute to increase the overcrowding and gives rise to passenger complaints. Hence it is not feasible to extend this train at present.</p>
52.0	<u>RAILWAY REQUEST RELATED TO SIVAGANGAI RAILWAY STATION.</u>
52.1	Request to modify entrance of Sivagangai Railway Station which was not built properly for better usage of differently abled persons.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Ramp for differently abled persons is available in front of main entrance of the station. Now, it is proposed to re-align the ramp to facilitate easy access to divyangjan passengers under the on-going contract for provision of Minimum essential Amenities.</p>
52.2	Request for RO water facility at Sivagangai Railway station for good consumption.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The Hon'ble MP's suggestion is noted, and Division will explore feasibility of providing R.O. water through CSR scheme.</p>
52.3	Request to repair toilet & its roof and make its function at Sivagangai Railway Station for passengers.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The repair works at waiting hall and toilets are being attended through zonal work order and will be completed by Mar 2024.</p>
52.4	Request to repair public and handicapped toilets and make use to it at Sivagangai Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> Sanitary fittings and water supply arrangements in the existing toilet available at PF No 1 near FOB (KKDI end of Station Building), are in working order. Some petty repairs works were completed to rectify small damages in toilet seating portion that has since been made fit for use.</p>

52.5	Request to set up a police station in Sivagangai Railway Station for public safety at present public has to go to Manamadurai to lodge any complaint.															
	<u>Response:</u> Action will be taken to post RPF at Sivagangai Railway Station.															
52.6	Request to re-construct present compound wall which is in bad condition to avoid entering of stray dogs and stop use of antisocial people.															
	<u>Response:</u> PF No. 1 at SVGA has a fencing wall on platform, some damages were found and will be rectified with available agency before 30.04.2024.															
52.7	Request to clean the place belonging to the Railways outside Sivagangai Railway Station and convert into Park for the public usage.															
	<u>Response:</u> The unwanted vegetation/creepers will be cleared shortly through zonal works and premises will be kept clean.															
52.8	Request to again bring the usage of ATM Center in Sivagangai Railway Station.															
	<u>Response:</u> Indian Bank ATM which was available has been closed by Bank on 20.05.2023 since less patronage. E-auction conducted on 12.02.2024 and no response has been received. Division will conduct E-auction again to provide ATM facility.															
52.9	Request to set up Aavin milk parlour and refreshments stalls in Sivagangai railway station.															
	<u>Response:</u> One catering stall and One milk stall were available at Sivaganga Railway Station and closed in 2020 & 2021 after the completion of the tenure. Recently 5 times e-tender has been called but no response. Last e-auction has been called on 12.12.2023. Division will call e-tender on 18.03.2024.															
52.10	Request to open Reservation counter in Sivagangai railway station.															
	<u>Response:</u> Sivaganga is NSG5 category station provided with one Integrated Unreserved Ticketing System counter to issue both PRS (0800-1200 / 1500-1700 hrs) and UTS tickets (Round-the-clock) at same counter. The daily average traffic trend at Sivaganga for the period from Apr.23 to Jan.24 are given below. <table><tr><th>Terminal</th><th>Forms</th><th>Tickets</th><th>Passengers</th><th>Revenue</th></tr><tr><td>PRS</td><td>34</td><td>36</td><td>67</td><td>29,404</td></tr><tr><td>UTS</td><td>-</td><td>265</td><td>727</td><td>30,653</td></tr></table>	Terminal	Forms	Tickets	Passengers	Revenue	PRS	34	36	67	29,404	UTS	-	265	727	30,653
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52.11	Request to increase the length of Platform No.2 and also fix the pits between Platform No.2 and 3.
	<u>Response:</u> Work has been sanctioned to extend the platform at Sivaganga and work will be taken up and completed by December 2024.
52.12	Request to destroy old and unused buildings belonging to Railways in Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Dismantling of all condemned buildings in Sivagangai is under process.
52.13	Request to set up railway time table display in big size in Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Big size timetable display has been provided.
52.14	Request to arrange lift facility in Platform No.2 also as in Platform No.1 at Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Lift facility for PF No. 2&3 will be proposed in the FY 2024-25.
52.15	Request to increase passenger seats in all the platform of Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Sivaganga is NSG 5 category station. This station has already been provided with 204 No. of seats which is sufficient to cater the requirement.
52.16	Request to fix CCTV Cameras in all the areas of Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> The work for provision of CCTV is in progress by M/s.RailTel. TDC February 2024.
52.17	Request to make functional of complaint book kept at Sivagangai Railway Station and also make passengers aware of it.
	<u>Response:</u> Complaint book is available at duty Station Master Office. Necessary boards have been provided at all stations for the information of passengers. Besides, Rail Madad portal enables to register complaints and provides for immediate redressal, easy tracking & feedback.

53.0	<u>RAILWAY REQUESTS RELATED TO SIVAGANGAI RAILWAY STATION.</u>
53.1	Request for RO water facility for good consumption of water at the Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Municipality drinking water is available at Sivagangai. However, provision of RO water at Sivagangai through CSR will be explored.
53.2	Request to replace drinking water taps which are in broken in Sivagangai Railway Station
	<u>Response:</u> Taps which are broken are periodically replaced. This is an ongoing exercise. Intensive attention will be done to repair all the passenger amenity items.
53.3	Request to fix more lights for better lighting in Platform No.4 and 5 in Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> At Sivagangai Railway Station few lights which were not working were attended and now all lights are in working condition.
53.4	Request to replace the roof with new one in Platform No.1 as the existing roof are leaking during rainy season.
	<u>Response:</u> The replacement of AC sheet roofing was planned under Zonal Agency and will be replaced. T.D.C. 31.05.2024.
53.5	Request to open new constructed toilets in Platform No.2 and 3 for public usage in Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Toilets available in Platform 1 of SVGA Station is always open for passengers use. Division also proposed to outsource the Pay & Use Toilets under ROMT Scheme and e-auction has been called thrice on 03.01.2024, 22.01.2024 & 14.02.2024. But no offer received. Again e-auction will be conducted on 11.03.2024.
53.6.	Request to destroy old and unused buildings belonging to Railways in Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Dismantling of all condemned buildings is under process.
56.7	Request to repair the compound wall in Sivagangai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> PF No. 1 at SVGA has a fencing wall on platform, some damages were found and the same will be rectified with available agency by May 2024.

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

	Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Mavelikkara Constituency
	<u>EZHUKONE RAILWAY STATION.</u>
1.0	Request for conversion of Ezhukone station as a crossing station by constructing a second platform duly extending the length of existing platform to accommodate a 24- coach train and levelling up of platform with broad gauge track standards as the present dimension suits only the meter gauge standards to enhance passenger convenience at Ezhukone Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Ezhukone is an existing non-block station situated between Kottarakara and Kundara stations, at a distance of 6.8 km and 4.9 km respectively. The Line Capacity utilization of the Punalur - Kollam section is only 45% (2022-23). There is no operational requirement for a crossing station at this location, at present.</p>
2.0	Request for construction of a new station building instead of the old building with facilities including a waiting hall, toilets, rest rooms and sufficient illumination and to install a timing board in the waiting hall at Ezhukone Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> Ezhukone is NSG 6 category station . Old station building is in good condition and all facilities provided including a waiting hall of 76 sqm against MEA norms of 15 sqm.</p> <p>Toilet and Train timings board are available at Ezhukone.</p>
3.0	Request to provide more benches and steel chairs at Platforms of Ezhukone Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> 60 seats are available at Ezhukone as against 10 seats per PF as per MEA norms.</p>
4.0	Request for development of the circulating area with ample parking space for vehicles at Ezhukone Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The parking space earmarked in circulating area is found sufficient and will be enhanced as per need.</p> <p>Sufficient parking place is available in front of Ezhukone station.</p>

5.0	Request to clean the overgrowing shrubs and undergrowth in front of the Ezhukone Railway station as many passengers have reported sighting snakes and other reptiles that pose a danger to the passengers.
	<u>Response:</u> Cleaning of shrubs are in process and will be cleared by March 2024.
6.0	Request for installation of High-mast light in the front, more lights in front of the station and approach area and to ensure illumination.
	<u>Response:</u> Lighting facilities have been provided in and around the station area. The non-working lights have been attended and now all the lights are in working condition. Further, additional LED light fittings have been provided for better illumination.
7.0	Request to establish computerized ticket vending system in lieu of paper ticket mechanism at Ezhukone railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> Ezhukone (EKN) is a flag station and ticket counter is manned by Commercial Clerk. An average 45 tickets are issued per day. The existing traffic does not justify provision of an Automatic Ticket Vending Machine at the station.)
	<u>MATTERS PERTAINING TO TRAIN STOPPAGES AND SERVICES AT EZHUKONE RAILWAY STATION</u>
8.0	Request to reinstate stoppage of Palaruvi Express in Ezhukone that was cancelled during the lockdown and all other trains that ply through the route duly providing stoppage at Ezhukone, including Ernakulum Velankanni Express, Punalur Thiruvananthapuram Madurai Express, Chennai Egmore Kollam Express, Guruvair Madurai express and others.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. The average tickets sold at Ezhukone is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains. Stoppage at Ezhukone for Train No.16791/16792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi Express was eliminated during the zero based time tabling exercise due to poor patronage.

9.0	<u>KOTTARAKKARA RAILWAY STATION.</u>
9.1	Request to include Kottarakkara Railway Station in the <i>Amrit Bharat</i> scheme for modernization and development.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Kottarakara is a NSG6 category station. The scale of Minimum Essential Amenities provided at this station is more than the minimum norms prescribed by the Railway Board. This station was developed under Adarsh Station Scheme during (2011- 12).</p>
9.2	Request for paving of tiles in the entire circulating area of Kottarakkara Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Existing Bituminous surface is in good condition and enables smooth movement of traffic.</p>
9.3	Request to provide sufficient illumination in and around the circulating area and in Kottarakkara Railway station premises.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Additional LED light fittings have been provided and the illumination level is improved.</p>
9.4	Request to provide special Ticketing counter at Kottarakkara Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> One counter for issue of reserved tickets during 08.00 to 12.00 and 14.30 to 17.00 hrs and one unreserved ticket counter round the clock is available at Kottarakara station.</p> <p>An average of 70 reservation forms are dealt in the reservation counter and 250 unreserved tickets are being issued daily. The present counter arrangement is sufficient to deal with the existing traffic at the station.</p>
9.5	Request for beautification of waiting hall in the station and install steel chairs and electronic train display schedule board in Kottarakkara Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Kottarakara is NSG6 category station and waiting hall with an area of 156 sqm is available as against MEA norms of 15 sqm.</p> <p>Granite flooring in waiting hall has been recently completed. Four numbers of Three-seater chairs are available in Waiting Hall.</p> <p>Electronic train indicator board will be provided during Amrit Stations scheme Phase II.</p>

9.6	Request to provide automatic ticket vending system in Kottarakkara Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> One Automatic Ticket Vending Machine was provided at the station on 01.04.23. Average number of tickets issued through this machine was only 3 per day due to which the facility was withdrawn from the station.
9.7	Request to install comprehensive real-time display system indicating status and timing of all trains passing through the station.
	<u>Response:</u> Digital Coach indication boards, Trains at a glance boards and TV display information system will be provided as part of Amrit Station Scheme Phase II.
9.8	Request to provide cafeteria & news stand at Platform No.1 and provide complete sheltering for 1st and 2nd platforms at Kottarakkara Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Catering stall has been opened on PF No 1 near entrance from December 2023 through E-auction.
9.9	Request to provide complete sheltering for 1st and 2nd platforms at Kottarakkara Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Platform shelter of 1276 sqm and 627 sqm are provided in platform 1 & 2 respectively which are more than 100 sqm prescribed in MEA norms.
9.10	Request to extend both platforms so as to accommodate 24-coach trains in Kottarakkara Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> This station is having two platforms of High Level of 425m. long which are adequate to hold the longest stopping train of this station of 357m.
9.11	Request to construct the third platform in Kottarakkara Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> Kottarakkara station is two-line crossing station in Punalur- Kollam section having 2 passenger PFs. Total 7 pairs of trains have scheduled stoppage at Kottarakkara. The existing facilities are sufficient for the present level of traffic. Additional facilities will be considered in future when the need arises.
9.12	Request to re-tar and renovate the Goods shed road in Kottarakkara Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> Currently there is no Goods movement in the station and existing bitumen surface is in good condition.

9.13	Request for cutting off trees and their overgrown branches to avoid any mishap
	<u>Response:</u> Regular cutting of trees and branches are being done to ensure safety of train working and passengers.
9.14	Request to install passenger lift approved at Kottarakara Railway Station post estimation and initiate the process for construction of the same at the earliest.
	<u>Response:</u> Provision of two Nos. of lifts, one at PF1 & one at PF2, in Kottarakkara Station is in progress. The same is expected to completed by Dec-2024
9.15	Request to provide more steel benches and chairs in the platforms of Kottarakara Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Kottarakara is NSG6 category station in Punalur - Kollam section. 230 seats have already in existence in Platform No.1 and 78 Nos. in PF No. 2 as against MEA of 10 seats per platform. 10 no.s of 3 seater Stainless Steel benches have been laid recently and 5 numbers of Granite pedestals are constructed in PF shelters at PF No 1. 3 seaters have been provided in Concourse area.
9.16	Request to commission new terminal under Amrit Bharat scheme so as to address the anomalies in development at Kottarakkara Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Amrit Bharat scheme is to provide enhanced passenger amenities only and not for yard remodelling. However, yard remodelling as per operating requirement will be done.
10.0	<u>KURI RAILWAY STATION</u>
10.1	Request to convert Kuri Halt Station to a Crossing Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Kuri is a Halt station situated between Auvaneeswaram and Kottarakara stations in PUU-QLN section. The inter distance between these stations is 11.5 km only. The LC utilization of the PUU and QLN section is only 45% (2022-23). So, there is no need for any crossing station in this section at present.
10.2	Construction of a second platform at Kura Station and provision of more space for the platform.
	<u>Response:</u> Kuri is a Halt station situated between Auvaneeswaram and Kottarakara stations in PUU-QLN section. The inter distance between these stations is 11.5 km only. The LC utilization of the PUU and QLN section is only 45% (2022-23). So, there is no need of a second platform at Kura Station in this section at present.

10.3	Request for levelling up of platform with broad gauge track standards.
	<u>Response:</u> This station has single platform at High level meeting the BG track standards.
10.4	Request for development of circulating area with parking lot at Kuri Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Kuri is HG 2 halt station. The existing circulating area is sufficient with ample space for parking and is in good condition.
10.5	Request for provision of High-Mast light and illumination of roads to ensure safety and security at Kuri Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Lighting facilities have been provided in and around the station area. The non-working lights have been attended and now all the lights are in working condition. Further, additional LED light fittings have been provided for better illumination.
10.6	Request for widening of station approach road in Kuri Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Kuri is a HG-2 category station provided with 3 m wide approach road. Widening of the approach road may lead the outsiders to misuse the Railway land and park their vehicle.
10.7	Request for cleaning and preserving the existing well in Kuri station premises.
	<u>Response:</u> Desilting work is in progress and will be maintained periodically. Further, water is being supplied by Panchayat.
10.8	Request for provision of drinking water facility in Kuri station.
	<u>Response:</u> Drinking water is currently supplied by the local body and water supply is ensured in station premises.
10.9	Request for provision of gents and ladies toilets with divyang friendly amenities at Kuri Station.
	<u>Response:</u> As per norms, divyangjan toilets are to be provided at NSG 1 to NSG 6 & SG 1 to SG 3 category stations. Provision for divyangjan toilet will be prioritised and sanctioned.

10.10	Request for construction of new Kuri station building to meet the emerging passenger demands in lieu of the existing dilapidated building.
	<u>Response:</u> Existing station building is in good condition and facilities are provided as per MEA norms
10.11	Request to install benches and chairs in all sides of the platforms in Kuri Station.
	<u>Response:</u> This station is provided with 49 Nos. of seats which serves the current requirement. Kuri is a HG-2 Halt station. Only one platform at this station and 39 seats are available.
11.0	<u>STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT KURA RAILWAY STATION.</u>
	For Paluravi Express For Guruvayur Madurai express For Punalur Madurai via Thiruvananthapuram For Punalur via Thiruvananthapuram Nagarcoil express
	<u>Response:</u> The request of the Hon'ble MP was examined. Train No.16327/16328 Madurai-Guruvayur Express & Train No.1672929/16730 Madurai-Punalur Express are provided with stoppage at Kuri Station. The average tickets sold at Kuri is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains.
12.0	<u>AUVANEESWARAM RAILWAY STATION</u>
12.1	Request for provision lift facility from circulating area to platform number 1 at Auvaneeswaram Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Provision of Lift at Aveneeswram Railway Station will be proposed in the financial year 204-25.
12.2	Request to pave the steps with granite at the entrance of the Auvaneeswaram Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Auvaneeswaram is a NSG6 category station. CC flooring is in good condition and provided as per norms.

12.3	Request to fix resin or composite covering of at the backside of the Auvaneeswarmam Railway station building.
	<u>Response:</u> Improvement work for various infrastructure/maintenance will be proposed.
12.4	Request for development of circulating area at Auvaneeswarmam Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> The existing circulating area is paved and tiles have been provided.
12.5	Request to install high mast light at the front portion of the Auvaneeswarmam Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> Lighting facilities have been provided in and around the station area. The non-working lights have been replaced and now all the lights are in working condition. Further, additional LED light fittings have been provided for better illumination.
12.6	Request for cutting of trees that are potentially dangerous to the passengers.
	<u>Response:</u> Regular cutting of trees and branches are being done to ensure safety of train working and passengers.
12.7	Request for provision of Lift facility at the foot over bridge that connects platform number 1 & 2 of Auvaneeswarmam Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> Provision of Lift at AVS station will be proposed in the FY 2024-25.
12.8	Request for construction of new station building to meet the emerging passenger demands in lieu of the existing dilapidated building at Auvaneeswarmam Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> The existing building is in good condition and facilities are provided as per MEA norms.
12.9	Request for development of the terminal under Amrit Bharat scheme with amenities including waiting rooms,. Lounges for women and VIPs, cafeteria and snacks bar, ticket vending machines, and real-time display units.
	<u>Response:</u> Auvaneeswarmam is NSG6 category station. Standard norms of amenities have already been fulfilled under Adarsh stations scheme. This station has not been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme Phase I & II.

12.10	Request to ensure service of porters and trolley services at Avaneeswaram Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> Sahayak and trolley facilities are available.
12.11	Request to provide granite benches and steel chairs at the platforms of Avaneeswaram Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Auvaneeswaram is NSG-6 Station. 53 seats on PF 1 & 75 seats on PF 2/3 are available against MEA norms of 10 seats per PF.
12.12	Request for extension of platform shelters that will cover the entire platform area at Auvaneeswaram Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Additional 6 bays PF shelter in PF 1 & 2/3 has been provided recently.
13.0	<u>RAILWAY OVER BRIDGE AT AVANEESWARAM IN LIEU OF LEVEL CROSS NO.519.</u>
13.1	Request to expedite the work of construction of Railway over bridge post agreement with the state government.
	<u>Response:</u> Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to ROB at Avaneeswaram is in lieu of level crossing No.519 at Km 725/1-2 between Punalur and Avaneeswaram in Madurai Division. ROB work has been sanctioned in Railway's Works programme vide Umbrella Item No.402 of PB 2020-21 (Umbrella item No.357 of PB 2022-23) communicated by Railway Board on 14.07.2021. Sanction has been communicated to State Government on 26.07.2021. The Government of Kerala is yet to finalize the alignment of the proposed ROB.
14.0	<u>CONSTRUCTION OF MINI RAILWAY OVER BRIDGE KARYARA MANNANKUZH</u>
14.1	Request to expedite the works and processes concerning the construction of a Mini Railway Over bridge.
14.2	Request to give an additional period to Gram Panchayat to deposit maintenance and repairs cost and enter an undertaking with Gram Panchat.
	<u>Response:</u> The people Karyaramannankuzhi village Vilakudi grama panchayat, Kollam District have requested for an Elevated Road cum Rail crossing (ERR) at km 721/468 in between Punalur and Avuneeswaram Railway stations on deposit term on 10.11.2021 and the representation was forwarded by Hon'ble MP Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Mavelikara on 16.11.2021. The Secretary, Vilakudi grama panchayat was advised to remit the centage charge of Rs.6,80,240/- and the same was remitted by the Vilakudi grama panchayat to the Railways on 26.05.2022.

	<p>The GAD for this Elevated Road cum Rail crossing (ERR) has been approved by Railways on 25.06.2022. Based on the same, the detailed estimate was prepared for a value of Rs.4,39,34,187/- which includes the maintenance cost of Rs.97,41,372/- and sanctioned by the competent authority on 26.08.2022 and the Secretary, Vilakudi grama panchayat was advised to remit the estimated cost on 05.12.2022, so as to commence the work.</p> <p>However, Hon'ble MP Shri Kodikunnil Suresh on 19.08.2023 has requested to grant an exemption on the upfront payment of maintenance charges of 10 years block and allow the Gramapanchayat to remit the sum in tranches or the time of requirement of maintenance through Memorandum of Understanding as a special case. Considering the request of the Hon'ble MP Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, the Southern Railway has accorded approval allowing the Garamapanchayat to remit the maintenance charges in tranches of 3% (of the cost of ROB) per annum.</p>
15.0	<u>TRAIN SERVICES</u>
15.1	Request to reinstate the trains deployed at the Kollam-Shengottai section prior to Gauge Conversion at the same time and Schedule in the new Gauge as well.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of the Hon'ble MP will be examined to access the operational and commercial feasibility.</p>
15.2	Request to reinstate Kollam Coimbatore express train in the broad gauge.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of the Hon'ble MP will be examined to access the operational and commercial feasibility.</p>
15.3	Request to make Ernakulam-Velankanni Bi-weekly Express train as daily service.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of the Hon'ble MP was examined Since the pit lines at Ernakulam Junction are working to maximum capacity, Increasing the frequency of Train No.16361/16362 Ernakulam-Velankanni Bi-weekly express is not feasible.</p>
15.4	Request to extend Mayiladuthurai-Shengottai Express train upto Kollam Junction.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of the Hon'ble MP will be examined.</p> <p>Train No.16847 Mayiladuturai – Sengottai Express arrives Sengottai at 21.30 hrs. Adiquate hours are not to pick the returntrip from Senghottai.</p>

15.5	Request to extend Nilambur Road-Kottayam Express train upto Kollam Junction via Punalur.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of the Hon'ble MP will be examined.</p> <p>The rake of Train No.16325/16326 Nilambur Road-Kottayam – Nilambur Road Express runs in an integrated link with Train No.06428/06433 Nagercoil-Thiruvananthapuram Express , 16366 Nagercoil-Kollam Express, 06431 Kottayam-Kollam Express, 06770/06771 Kollam – Allepy Express, 06425 Kollam- Thiruvananthapuram Express, 06435 Thiruvananthapuram- Nagercoil Express. Hence, the extension to Punalur via Kollam is not feasible.</p>
15.6	Request to extend Passenger and Express trains that terminate service at Shengottai to Kollam Junction.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted.</p> <p>Being a ghat section and the requirement of adequate time slots for safety related track maintenance works, introduction of any additional trains is difficult at present.</p>
15.7	Request to deploy 18 and 24 coaches in the trains that ply on Kollam Shengottai BG line Section. Request to replace ICF coaches with Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches at the Kollam Shengottai BG Line.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Action is initiated to increase the coaches in trains running in this route, for which trials are being conducted currently.</p>
15.8	Request for provision of Vistadome coaches at Madurai Guruvayur Express.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted.</p>
15.9	Request for completion of electrification works at Kollam-Sengottai section.
	<p><u>Response:</u> OHE work completed in Kollam-Punalur, Punalur-Edamann, Bhagavathipuram-Sengottai sections.</p> <p>Edamann – Bhagavathipuram is in progress and targeted for commissioning in FY-2023-24. The trains can be taken over on electric traction after commissioning of Traction Substation (TSS) at Sengottai which is to cater 25 kV electric power supply to the section. The 110 kV input power supply from TNEB is required for the same. TANTRANSOCO is being followed to expedite the same.</p>

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III	Shri K. Navaskani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Ramanathapuram Constituency
1.0	<p>Request to resume operation of converted from MG to BG trains in between following stations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rameswaram-Coimbatore Daily on both ways. (ii) Rameswaram-Palakkad Passenger on both ways. (iii) Rameswaram-Tiruchchirappalli Passenger (Night Train) on both ways.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Due to acute terminal constraints at Coimbatore and suspension of traffic over Pamban bridge, it is not feasible to introduce new trains at present.</p> <p>It is informed that timings for a new weekly train between Mangaluru and Rameswaram via Palakkad have been finalized and submitted to Railway Board.</p> <p>Railway Board has approved the extension of Train No.16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram – Madurai Amrita Express via Palakkad, Pollachi to Rameswaram, once the traffic over Pamban bridge is restored the extension will be notified.</p>
2.0	<p>Request to induct Antyodaya Express trains between</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Chennai-Rameswaram and on both ways and (ii)Rameswaram-Tirupati on both ways and (iii) Rameswaram-Kanniyakumari on both ways.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Due to acute terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore, and suspension of traffic over Pamban bridge, it is not feasible to introduce new trains at present as suggested.</p>
3.0	Request to extend the following trains upto Rameswaram
	(i) Train No. 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram - Madurai Amrita Express to Rameswaram on both ways
	<p><u>Response:</u> Extension of Train No. 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram – Madurai Amrita Express to Rameswaram is approved by Railway Board and extension will be implemented after the completion of Pamban Bridge.</p>

	(ii) Punalur- Palakkad Passenger on both ways.
	<p><u>Response:</u> There is no passenger train running between Punalur and Palakkad. However, extension Train. No. 16791/16792 Tirunelveli- Palakkad – Tirunelveli Palaruvi Express to Tuticorin is approved by Railway Board and hence extension of this train to Rameswaram is not feasible.</p>
4.0	(i) Request to convert Train operated 3 days a week to Rameswaram to Tirupati Express (T. No. 16779/16780) as daily
	<p><u>Response:</u> Powers for increasing the frequency of trains are vested with Railway Board.</p> <p>The rake of Train No.16780/16779 Rameswaram – Tirupati (Tri – Weekly) Express is integrated with Train.No.22621/22622 Rameswaram– Kanniyakumari (Tri – Weekly) Express. Moreover, Train No. 16779/80 shares a common path with other non-daily trains. Hence, it is not feasible to increase the frequency of this train.</p>
	(ii) Also consider on operating Rameswaram - Okha Express (Train. No.16733/16734) thrice a week which is now running once a week)
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train.No.16734/33 Okha-Rameswaram Express is a weekly inter-railway train which shares its path with other non-daily trains en-route. Hence it is not feasible to increase the frequency of this train.</p>
5.0	Request to introduce a day time running train between Rameswaram and Chennai and vice versa.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p> <p>Due to acute terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore and suspension of traffic over Pamban bridge, it is not feasible to introduce new trains at present as suggested.</p> <p>At present, two Daily and 3 weekly Express trains provide connectivity between Rameswaram - Chennai Egmore.</p>
6.0	Request to assign LHB Coaches on the trains running between Rameswaram- Chennai (Sethu SF Express (Train No.22661 & 22662) and Chennai-RameswaramExpress(Train Nos.16751 & 16752).
	<p><u>Response:</u> Old IRS Coaches are being replaced new LHB type coaches in a Phased manner as per the orders of Railway Board.</p>

7.0	Request to commission a maintenance depot at Mandapam or Valantaravai Railway stations.
	Response: The request of Hon'ble MP will be examined.
8.0	Request to introduce Bangalore / Hyderabad and Mangalore connecting three major state.
	Response: Timings for a new weekly train between Mangaluru and Rameswaram via Palakkad have been finalized and submitted to Railway Board. Timings for a new weekly train between Hubballi and Rameswaram via Yesvantpur(Bengaluru) have been finalized and submitted to Railway Board. This train is presently running as train on demand special for the benefit of passengers. Timings for a new weekly train between Secunderabad and Rameswaram via Chennai have been finalized and submitted to Railway Board. This train is presently running as train on demand special for the benefit of passengers.
9.0	Request to extend Howrah - Kolkata to TrichyuptoRameswaram.
	Response: Train No. 12663/12664 Howrah – Tiruchchirappalli (Bi-Weekly) Express undergoes having primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli and the lie-over time available for the train at TPJ is insufficient for its extension to Rameswaram.
10.0	Request to operate thrice a week train from Rameswaram and Kanniyakumari as daily.
	Response: Powers for increasing the frequency of trains are vested with Railway Board. However, the request of the Hon'ble MP is noted. Train No.22621/22622 Rameswaram– Kanniyakumari (Tri – Weekly) Express is run in an integrated link with Train No.16780/16779 Rameswaram - Tirupati(Tri – Weekly) Express. Also TrainNo.22621/22622 shares a common path with Train No. 12642 Nizamuddin– Kanniyakumari Thirukkural(BW) Express. Hence it is not feasible to increase the frequency of the train to daily as suggested.

11.0	Request to introduce daily train service between Rameswaram and Tirupati and vice versa.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Due to acute terminal constraints and suspension of traffic over Pamban bridge, it is not feasible to introduce new trains at present as suggested.</p> <p>At present, Train No.16780/16779 Rameswaram – Tirupati Tri – Weekly Express is running in this route.</p>
12.0	Request to introduce regular Electric Loco or DEMU train between Rameswaram and Madurai vice versa.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present 03 unreserved Express Spl, and 03 Mail/Express trains are operated between Madurai and Rameswaram.</p> <p>Over Indian Railways, all the passenger trains (now running as Unreserved Express Special) with conventional coaches are being progressively augmented with MEMU rakes.</p>
13.0	Request to route through the trains running from Northern State to Madurai.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Powers for diversion and rerouting of trains are vested with Railway Board. Re-routing of all the trains via Madurai will deprive users in the other route for an existing facility. Moreover due to acute platform constraints at Madurai the rerouting is not feasible.</p>
	<u>NEW TRAINS</u>
14.0	(i) Request to operate new daily train between Chennai-Karaikudi via Aranthangi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board.</p> <p>Due to acute terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore it is not feasible to operate additional trains from Chennai Egmore. At Karaikkudi there is no maintenance facilities like pit-line / stabling line. Hence, it is not feasible to introduce a service as suggested.</p> <p>However, Train No.20683/20684 Tambaram – Sengottai-Tambaram (Tri-Weekly) Express is running W.E.F 08.04.2023 via Karaikudi, Tiruturaipundi and Pattukottai and connects (Chennai) Tambaram.</p>

	<p>At present, the following services are available between Chennai Egmore and Karaikkudi:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Train No.22536/22535 Banaras-Rameswaram-Banaras Weekly Superfast Express. 2. Train No.20896/20895 Bhubaneswar-Rameswaram-Bhubaneswar Weekly Superfast Express. 3. Train No.20973/20974 Firozpur-Rameswaram-Firozpur Weekly Superfast Express. 4. Train No.22614/22613 Ayodhya-Rameswaram-AyodhyaShraddhaSetu Weekly Superfast Express. 5. Train No.20681/20682 Chennai Egmore- Sengottai- Chennai EgmoreSilambu Tri-Weekly Superfast Express. 6. Train No.12605/12606 Chennai Egmore - Karaikudi - Chennai EgmorePallavan Express (Daily) 7. Train No.22661/22662 Chennai Egmore - Rameswaram - Chennai Egmore Superfast Express. (Daily) 8. Train No.16751/16752 Chennai Egmore - Rameswaram -Chennai Egmore Superfast Express. (Daily)
	<p>(ii) Request to resume Train No.06848 running Karaikudi to Mayiladuthurai cancelled due to COVID.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board. Timings for a new daily Express train between Karaikudi and Mayiladuthurai have been finalised and submitted to Railway Board. Railway Board approval is awaited.</p>
	<p>(iii) Request to extend DEMU train running from Tiruchchirappalli to Karaikudi upto Pattukottai.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP is noted. Extension of trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board</p>
	<p>(iv) Request to extend Pallavan Express running between Chennai-Karaikudi upto Aranthangi on both ways.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train No.12605/12606 Chennai Egmore - Karaikudi - Chennai EgmorePallavan Express arrives Karaikudi at 22:35hrs and departs Karaikudi at 05:35hrs and if the train is extended to Aranthangi the timings will be inconvenient and may not be popular among the public. Moreover, there are no terminal facilities at Aranthangi for originating/terminating trains. The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP regarding introduction of a connecting service is noted.</p>

	(v) Request to increase the frequency of trains in between Tiruvarur and Karaikudi via Aranthangi.
	Response: At present Train No.06197/06198 Tiruvarur– Karaikudi 06 days a week Unreserved Express Special is running in this section. Increasing the frequency of this train to daily will be examined.
	(vi) Request to set up Goods Yard in Aranthangi which will be more useful to Railways for maintenance, since this location has its own resources.
	Response: After gauge conversion, Aranthangi Goods Shed was not re-opened due to lack of patronage. Further goods shed is available at Pattukottai at 45.74 Kms away from Aranthangi, with full rake handling capacity. This goods shed can cater to the demand in the area.
15.0	Request to provide stoppage of following trains.
	(i) Silambu Express (Train No.20681/20682) at Narikkudi.
	Response: Stoppages for Train No. 20681/20682 Chennai Egmore-SengottaiSilambu Superfast Express at Narikkudi and Tiruchchuli were eliminated due to years of continued poor patronage. Hence it is not feasible to restore these stoppages.
	(ii) Rameswaram-Trichy (Train No.16849/16850) at Sudiyr, Sattirakudi, Valantharavai and Mandapam Camp.
	Response: Train No.56829/56830 Tiruchchirappalli-Rameswaram- Tiruchchirappalli Passenger was upgraded as Express train No. viz. 16849/16850 Tiruchchirappalli – Rameswaram Express. While upgrading as express the poorly patronized stoppage at Sudiyr, Sattrakudi, Valantharavai and Mandapam were eliminated. Hence resumption of stoppage is not feasible.
	(iii) Kanniyakumari-Rameswaram(Train No.22622) at Mandapam and Paramakudi.
	Response: Stoppage at Paramakudi was withdrawn due to years of continued poor patronage. The average ticket sales at Mandapam station is less than the Railway Board's norms for provision of stoppage for additional trains.

	(iv) Rameswaram-Kanniyakumari Express Train No.22661 at Mandapam.
	<u>Response:</u> The average ticket sales at Mandapam station is less than the Railway Board's norms for provision of stoppage for additional trains.
	(v) Train No.22661 Rameswaram-Express at Mandapam.
	<u>Response:</u> The stoppage at Mandapam for Train. No 22661 Chennai Egmore-Rameswaram Express was withdrawn due to years of continued poor patronage. Hence resumption of this stoppage is not feasible.
	(vi) Rameswaram-Ajmer (Train No.20973/20974) at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi.
	<u>Response:</u> The average ticket sales at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi are less than the Railway Board's norms for provision of stoppage for additional trains.
	(vii) Rameswaram-Ayodhya (Train No.22613/22614) stoppage at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi.
	<u>Response:</u> Stoppage at Ramanathapuram for Train. No 22613/22614 Rameswaram-AyodhyaCantt- Rameswaram Express was provided with effect from 23.09.2023.
	(viii) Rameswaram-Banaras (Train No.22535/22536) at Ramanathapuram.
	<u>Response:</u> The stoppage at Ramanathapuram for Train.No 22535 was provided with effect from 19.07.2023. Train. No. 22536 Banaras – Rameswaram Express is already having stoppage at Ramanathapuram.
	(ix) Rameswaram - Secunderabad(Train No.07695/07696) stoppage at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi.
	<u>Response:</u> T.No. 07695/96 Rameswaram–Secunderabad- Rameswaram Weekly Special, operated by South Central Railway is not running at presently.

	(x) Rameswaram - Hubli(07355/07356) stoppage at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train No.07355/07356 Hubballi – RameswaramHubballi (Weekly) Special, operated by South Western Railway is already having scheduled stoppage at Ramanathapuram&Manamadurai which are 36 Km. & 24 Km. from Paramakudi respectively.</p> <p>However, provision of stoppage at Paramakudi will be examined based on commercial justification.</p>
	(xi) Rameswaram - Ferozpur (Train No.20497/20498) stoppage at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The average ticket sales at Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi are less than the Railway Board's norms for provision of stoppage for additional trains.</p>
16.0	(i) Request to replace dilapidated coaches of Rameswaram-Chennai Trains with new coaches.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The old ICF coaches will be gradually replaced with new modern LHB coaches as and when allotted by Railway Board.</p>
	(ii) Request to set up Coach Position Display Boards at all platforms of Paramakudi and Ramathapuram Railway stations.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Additional amenities including Digital Coach indication boards will be provided under Station Development Amrit Station Scheme phase-I.</p>
17.0	Request to set up new traffic line between Karaikal and Tuticorin.
	<p><u>Response:</u> No survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board in this route so far.</p>
18.0	Request to set up Railway station at Thangachimadam.
	<p><u>Response:</u> A crossing station is already available at Pamban at a distance of 1.5 KM from Thangachimadam town. This services the needs of that area.</p>

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	Shri N.K. Premachandran, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kollam Constituency
1.0	Request for Coach Capacity Increase in Sengottai-Punalur-Kollam Section.
	<p><u>Response:-</u></p> <p>Research Design and Standards Organization trials have been conducted from 10.01.24 to 16.01.24 in Sengottai -KOLLAM section.</p> <p>Report of the trial conducted in the section is awaited. Based on the feasibility, Division will take appropriate action.</p>
2.0	Request to increase speed in the Punalur-Kollam Section.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Punalur-Kollam Section has large number of sharp curves and hence increasing the speed further may not be feasible. However, this will be examined further in details for increasing the speed to 80 km/hr.</p>
3.0	Request for Extension of Mayiladuthurai - Sengottai Express to Kollam.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Train No. 16847 Mayiladuturai – Sengottai Express arrives Sengottai at 21.30 hrs and if extended to Kollam will arrive at 01.00 hr and will have to leave Kollam at 03.30 hrs to pick up the timings from Sengottai. The timings will be inconvenient and hence extension is not feasible.</p>
4.0	Request for changing Time Table of Train No. 16102 Kollam - Chennai Egmore Express.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Change in Timings of Train No.16102 at Kollam Express around 4 PM and arrival at Chennai Egmore around 07.30 AM is not feasible due to path constraints at Madurai- Dindigul section and Platform constraints at Chennai Egmore.</p>
5.0	Request for weekly train from Kochuveli to Palani.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board.</p> <p>The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted. However, due to saturated terminal facilities at Kochuveli, it is not feasible to run additional services for the present.</p>

6.0	Request to start Ernakulam-Rameswaram Weekly Special Train Service.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Due to terminal constraints at Velankanni it is not feasible to introduce a weekly express between Ernakulam and Velankanni with the rakes of Train No.16361/16362.</p>
7.0	Request for Tirunelveli-Mangalore Weekly Express
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board. The suggestions of the Hon'ble MP for new train service between Tirunelveli and Mangaluru is noted.</p> <p>Presently, two Weekly trains and one Bi-Weekly train connects Tirunelveli with Mangaluru.</p>
8.0	Request for extension of Kollam - Vishakapatnam Weekly express to Punalur.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Due to terminal constraints at Punalur, it is not feasible to extend Train No. 18567/18568 Visakhapatnam - Kollam (Weekly) Express to Punalur.</p>
9.0	Request for Punalur - Kollam service : Punalur -1.30 pm, Kollam - 2.45 pm Kollam - Punalur service : Kollam-3.15 pm, Punalur-4.30 pm
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board.</p> <p>The suggestions of the Hon'ble MP for new extra train service between Punalur – Kollam- Punalur has been noted and will be kept in mind while planning future services to meet rail travel demand.</p>
10.0	Request to introduce MEMU service after the completion of Sengottai - Punalur Railway line.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted and will be examined after the completion of electrification of Sengottai – Punalur section.</p>
11.0	Request for Sabarimala Special Train services from Chennai to Kollam via Punalur.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>T. No. 06119/06120 Chennai Egmore- Kollam, Chennai Egmore Weekly Special (TOD) trains, operated From 16.12.2023 to 31.12.2023 = (3+3 =6 trips) during Sabarimala Festivals.</p>

12.0	Request for 3rd Platform in Punalur Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Punalur station is a three roads station with 2 PFs on road 1 & 3.</p> <p>The existing facilities are adequate for the present level of traffic.</p> <p>Additional facilities will be considered in future when the requirement arises.</p>
13.0	RESTORATION OF STOPS
13.1	Request for stoppage of Train No.16101/16102 (Chennai Egmore Kollam Express) at Thenmala.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Stoppage at Tenmalai for Train No. 16101/16102 Chennai Egmore–Kollam–Chennai Egmore Express was eliminated due to years of continued poor patronage.</p>
13.2	Request for stoppage of Train No.16791/16792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi Express at Aryankavu.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Stoppage at Aryankavu for Train No. 16791/16792 Tirunelveli -Palakkad – Tirunelveli Palaruvi Express was eliminated due to years of continued poor patronage.</p>
14.0	Request for Electrification of Punalur-Sengottai Railway line
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>OHE work completed in Punalur – Edamann and Bhagavathipuram – Sengottai section. Work is in Edamann – Bhagavathipuram is in progress and targeted for commissioning in FY-2023-24. The trains can be taken over on electric traction after commissioning of Traction Substation (TSS) at Sengottai which is to cater 25 kV electric power supply to the section. The 110 kV input power supply from TNEB is required for the same. TANTRANSCO is being followed to expedite the same.</p>
15.0	Request to operate Vistadome Coach thorough Kollam-Schenkottah railway line.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Trains running between Kollam – Sengottai are being operated with conventional rakes. Attachment of LHB Vistadome coach will be considered when the train is converted to LHB Stock.</p>

16.0	Request to improve passenger amenities in all Railway stations in Kollam-Schenkottah route.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Punalur Station has been included for station development work under Amrit Station Scheme Phase I and the works like provision of additional upper class waiting room, additional 1 bay of PF shelter, provision of lift, covered parking area for general public and Divyangjan will be provided.</p> <p>1) Kollam Jn. is a NSG3 category station of Thiruvananthapuram Division. This Station was developed under Model, Modern and Adarsh Station Schemes earlier. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms. Further, this station has been identified for redevelopment as Amrit station. Developmental works are in progress. TDC: Jan 2026.</p> <p>2) Kilikollur is an NSG-6 category station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms have been provided. One No. of FOB and raising of PF No.2 to high level has been recently completed.</p> <p>3) Chandanattop is a HG-3 category Halt Station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms except high level platform for PF 1. (Single platform). Work for raising of platform has been sanctioned and work will be taken up.</p> <p>4) 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.</p> <p>Further, this station has been identified for development as Amrit station for providing enhanced passenger amenities. Phase I developmental works for this station has been sanctioned and works are in progress. TDC-May 2024</p> <p>5) Edamann is an NSG-6 category station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except High-Level Platform for PF Nos. 1 & 2. Work for raising of platform has been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>6) Ottakkal is an NSG-6 category station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except High-Level Platform for PF No. 1 (Single platform). Work for raising of platform has been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>7) Tenmalai is an NSG-6 category station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms except high level platform for PF 1 & 2. Work for raising of platform has been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>8) Kalthuruthi is a HG-3 category Halt Station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms except high level platform for PF 1. (Single platform). Work for raising of platform has been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>9) Edapalayam is a HG-3 category Halt Station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except High-</p>

	<p>Level Platform for PF No. 1 (Single platform). Work for raising of platform has been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>10) New Aryankavu is an NSG-6 category station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms except PF Shelter and High-Level Platform (Single PF). Work for raising of platform & provision of PF shelters has been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>Aryankavu is a HG-3 category Halt Station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms except PF Shelter and High-Level Platform (Single PF). Work for raising of platform has been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>11) Kundara is an NSG-6 category station 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 the following facilities under this scheme have been completed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 .FOB connecting PF No.1 &2 2. Raising of PF No.2 from Medium Level to High Level. 3. Front facade improvement with ALCO panel 4. Construction of pay and use toilet 5. Renewal of AC sheet with galvalume sheet in PF shelters at both the PFs 6. Additional benches of 20 numbers of RCC 3-seater at PF No. 2. 7. Improvement to circulating area with paver blocks. 8. Construction of Divyangyan toilet. <p>Work for provision of PF shelters 5 bays on each platform is sanctioned recently. Tender under finalization.</p> <p>12) Kundara East is a HG3 category station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except High-Level Platform for PF No. 1 (Single platform). Work for raising of platform has been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>13) Ezhukone is a NSG6 category station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms except PF Shelter and High-Level Platform (Single PF). Work for raising of platform & provision of PF shelters have been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>14) Kottarakara is a NSG6 category station 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. Work for provision of 5 bays of PF</p>
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	<p>shelters on each platform is completed recently.</p> <p>15) Kuri is a HG2 category station of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms except PF Shelter and High-Level Platform (Single PF). Work for raising of platform & provision of PF shelters have been sanctioned recently and work will be taken up.</p> <p>16) Auvaneeswaram is an NSG-6 category station. This station is provided with all the Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms. This station has also been developed as Adarsh Station in 2013-14 and all the prescribed amenities under the Scheme have been provided at this Station. Work for provision of 5 Bays of PF shelters on each platform completed recently.</p> <p>17) Bhagavathipuram is a NSG6 category station of Madurai division, All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms except high level platforms of PF Nos. 1 & 2. Work for raising of platform has been sanctioned and work will be taken up.</p> <p>18) 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.</p>
17.0	<p>Trivandrum Central -Tirupati express via Punalur, Schenkottah, Madurai. (It connects 4 major temples of South India, Padmanabhaswami Temple, Sabarimala, Madurai Meenakshi temple, Tirupati).</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The suggestions of the Hon'ble MP for new train services between Thiruvananthapuram and Tirupati via Punalur, Sengottai and Madurai is noted and will be kept in mind while planning future services to meet rail travel demand.</p>
18.0	<p>Request for Railway Over Bridges at Kundara</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to the ROB at Kundara is in lieu of LC No.534 at km 757/5-6 between Sengottai and Kollam stations. The LC No.534 in Sengottai and Kollam Section and LC No.77 in Kayankulam and Kollam Section cater the traffic of the same road. An ROB proposal for LC No.77 has been sanctioned by Railway Board on cost sharing basis in the year 2018-19. This sanctioned ROB work caters the road traffic passing through LC No.534 and LC.No.77 and will eliminate both the LCs.</p> <p>The GAD has been approved by Railways on 22.09.2023. The approach work of this ROB has been entrusted to M/s.RBDCK, an arm of Government of Kerala. The M/s.RBDCK is responsible for obtaining the NOC from NHAI and process for land acquisition.</p>

19.0	Request for Halt Station at Edapalayam.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Edapalayam halt station is manned by Halt agent in Sengottai-Punalur section. 16327/16328 Guruvayur—Madurai—Guruvayur is having stoppage at this station. Average 2 to 5 tickets are issued per day.</p>
20.0	Request for Second entry at Punalur Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Punalur is NSG-6 Category station with a foot fall of 3171 passengers. The existing entry is sufficient to handle the present level of traffic.</p> <p>However. Division will examine provision of second entrance in Amrit Station Scheme Phase-II.</p>

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

	Shri P. Ravindranath, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Theni Constituency
1.0	Request to operate 2 pairs of Bodinayakkanur-Madurai passenger train during office hours with departure from Bodinayakkanur at 7:30 AM in the morning and reach Madurai at 9:30 AM and return from Madurai at 5:30 PM to reach Theni at 7:30 PM
	<p><u>Remarks:</u> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP will be examined & advise for the same will be sent to Railway Board if feasible.</p>
2.0	Request for stoppage of Bodinayakkanur - Chennai (Train No.20602) / Chennai - Bodinayakkanur Train (Train No.20601) at Kodaikanal Road Station.
	<p><u>Remarks:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. The ticket sales at Kodaikanal Road is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains. Hence it is not feasible to provide stoppage as requested.</p>
3.0	Request to operate Bodinayakkanur - Chennai (Train No.20602) & Chennai - Bodinayakkanur (20601) Central SF Express on Daily Basis.
	<p><u>Remarks:</u> Increase in frequency of trains comes under the purview of Railway Board. This train undergoes Primary maintenance at MAS. Additional rake is required for increasing the frequency to daily, hence, it is not feasible at present.</p>
4.0	Request to take Re-survey of Dindigul to Kumuli Railway Project.
	<p><u>Remarks:</u> Railway Board vide Item No.17 of Demands for Grants 2016-17 allotted. Reconnaissance Engineering Survey for a new BG line between Kumuli – Sabarimala for 106 km. Field survey completed and length of alignment finalised as 31.65 km. Engineering survey completed and IRR under preparation. On receipt of vetted Traffic Report, the same will be submitted to Railway Board.</p> <p>Railway Board vide item No. 23 of Demands for Grants 2016-17 allotted. Reconnaissance Engineering Survey for a new BG line between Dindigul - Sabarimala for 201 km. Field survey has been completed and length of alignment finalised as 156 km. Engineering survey completed and IRR under preparation. On receipt of vetted Traffic report, Report will be submitted to Board.</p>

5.0	Request to operate an Express train from Chennai Egmore via Tambaram, Melmaruvathur, Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Trichy, Dindigul, Madurai, Theni to Bodinayakkanur.
	Remarks: The request for Hon'ble MP was examined. Due to Acute Terminal Constraints at Chennai Egmore and Path constraints in Dindigul- Madurai section and lack of infrastructure facilities at Bodi for Rake Maintenance introduction of new train as suggested is not feasible.
6.0	Request for extension of Train No. 16721/16722 -Coimbatore Madurai Intercity Express that runs between Madurai and Coimbatore up to Bodinayakkanur(BDNK). <u>Following is proposed time table:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Departure from Bodinayakanur at 05:00 hrs. reaching Madurai at 06:30 hrs. 2. Departure from Madurai at 07:00 hrs. reaching Coimbatore at 12:15 hrs. 3. Departure from Coimbatore at 14:40 hrs. reaching Madurai at 19:35 hrs. 4. Departure from Madurai at 19:45 hrs. reachingBodinayakanur at 21:20 hrs.
	Remarks: Rake of T. No. 16721/16722 Coimbatore - Madurai-Coimbatore Express is run in an integrated link with primary maintenance at Madurai,Hence extension to Bodinayakkanur is not feasible.
7.0	Request to re-store Pre-Covid Railway Fare concession for senior citizens and physically challenged persons.
	Remarks: Restoration of senior citizen concession is a Policy matter to be decided by Railway Board. Concession is available for Physically Challenged persons.
8.0	Request to operate Bodinayakkanur - Bangalore overnight Express Train via. Madurai and Hosur.
	Remarks: The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP will be examined &advise for the same will be sent to Railway Board if feasible.

9.0	Request to construct electrified Pit lines either in Bodinayakkanur or in Theni Railway station premises, for conducting primary maintenance of coaches of both express and passenger trains.
	<p><u>Remarks:</u> The rake maintenance requirements of Madurai Division has been well taken care of by Pit Lines available at TEN (3 Pit lines), MDU (4 Pit lines). Hence, there is no operational requirement for provision of Pit lines at Theni and Bodinayakanur.</p> <p>Bodinayakanur station is having 2 passenger platforms. The existing facilities are sufficient for the present level of traffic. Additional platform provision will be considered when the need arises.</p>
10.0	Request for Additional 2nd sleeper caches in the Chennai-Bodinayakkanur-Chennai Train Nos.20601/20602:
	<p><u>Remarks:</u> Presently 4 sleeper class coaches are available in the train. The present utilization data shows that the existing arrangement is sufficient for the demand in sleeper class.</p> <p>However, the suggestion is noted and further augmentation of sleeper class coaches will be considered.</p>
11.0	Request to establish that a Commercial Postal Parcel office in Bodinayakkanur Railway terminus to improve the delivery of parcels and also to enhance the revenue in the sector through an additional source.
	<p><u>Remarks:</u> Parcel office at Bodinayakkanur has been opened on 18.6.23.</p> <p>Parcels can be booked through post offices under Joint Parcel Product.</p> <p>Division has advised Postal Department to proliferate JPP at Bodinayakkanur.</p>

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

	Shri K. Shanmuga Sundaram, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Pollachi Constituency.
1.0	A. Request for restoration of pre-covid lock down stoppage of Palakkad-Tiruchendhur-Palakkad Unreserved Express (Train No.16731/32) at Madathukulam (MDKM) railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The stoppage for Train No.16731/32 Palakkad- Tiruchendur- Palakkad Unreserved express At Madathukulam was eliminated during Zero based Time Tabling due to sustained poor patronage over the years.</p> <p>Hence it is not feasible to restore the stop.</p> <p>It is not operationally feasible due to Platform length limitation at Tiruchendur.</p> <p>At present T.No.16731/32 is running with 12 coaches and integrated with other passenger special running in TEN-TCN, TCN-MEJ section consisting of 04 rakes.</p>
	B. Augmentation of coaches to the same train which has excellent patronage in Pollachi, Udumalaipettai, Palani.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP for augmentation of coaches is not operationally feasible due to Platform length limitation at Tiruchendur.</p>
	C. Conversion of reserved express with Chair Car Coaches between Pollachi and Tiruchendur.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>At present T.No.16731/32 is running with 12 coaches and integrated with other passenger special running in TEN- TCN, TCN-MEJ section consisting of 04 rakes.</p>
2.0	Request for introduction of a new daily/ weekly/ Biweekly/ Tri weekly train from Palakkad to Chennai Egmore/ Tambaram via Pollachi, Palani, Dindigul, Tiruchirapalli.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board. The request of Hon'ble MP is noted operational feasibility will be examined.</p>

3.0	Inclusion of Udumalaipettai railway station (UDT) in ABSS Amrith Bharath Station Scheme in the second phase of implementation stations development.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Udumalaipettai is a NSG6 category station. This station has already been provided with amenities more than that of prescribed for the category of the station as per Board's norms. This station will be considered in future phases of ABSS.</p>
4.0	A. Conversion of Madurai- Coimbatore- Madurai Unreserved Express (16721 HI) to Reserved Express with Chair Car.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted & will be examined in detail.</p>
	B. Augmentation of some coaches to this highly patronized train
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Augmentation of additional coaches in Exp. trains not feasible due to pit line constraints at MDU.</p>
	C. Extension of this train to Thoothukudi (TN) / Tiruchendhur (TCN).
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The rake of Train No.16721/72 MDU-CBE-MDU Unreserved Express is integrated with other express running in MDU-CBE-MAQ section with Primary Maintenance at Madurai, Infrastructure facilities for rake maintenance is not available at Tiruchendur. The lie-over time available for the train is 11 hrs 25 minutes which is insufficient for extension of the train as suggested.</p>
5.0	Request for renovation of existing unused Godown in North- Eastern area of Udumalaipettai railway station and leasing it for commercial activities.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The Railway Land to an extent of 1950 sqm was leased to the Coimbatore District Central Co-Operative Supply and Marketing Ltd in 1966 for using it as a godown for a period of 30 years. As per clause 5 of the Agreement (Memo of Terms) which says "the license shall be for a period of 30 years and shall automatically lapse at the end of this period". As such, the licence period is already lapsed in 1996. Hence, commercial activities will be considered under extant NFR policies.</p> <p>Division will examine feasibility to utilize the said godown for commercial activities.</p>

6.0	(A) Request for development of vacant land in Southern areas of Udumalaipettai Railway station and providing a Southern Entrance to Udumalaipettai Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>UDT is NSG-6 Category station with a foot fall of 1435 (Apr - Jan 2024). The existing entry is sufficient to handle the present level of traffic. However, Division will explore the provision of southern Entrance in the Amrit Station Scheme Phase-II.</p> <p>UDT is NSG-6 Category station with a foot fall of 1435. The existing entry is sufficient to handle the present level of traffic.</p> <p>However, Division will examine provision of second entrance in the Amrit Station Scheme Phase-II.</p>
	(B) Request to provide Additional two/four wheelers parking areas at Udumalaipettai Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>At Udumalaipet, Cycle scooter Car parking contract is available with an area of 800 Sqm and present utilization is less than 20%.</p> <p>However, division will explore additional parking area with EV charging facility and Divyangjan parking in Amrit Station Scheme Phase II.</p>
7.0	Request to replace Diesel engines in RUBs by electric motors as it will be cost effective and easier to operate.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Diesel engines are being used in RUBs where electric power supply is not available. Efforts are made to avail electricity at RUBs / LUs from TANGEDCO. Provision of electrical pumps will be processed after availing electricity supply.</p>
8.0	<p>Request for introduction of early morning train from Dindigul to Palakkad with departure around 5. 00 am at Dindigul to provide connection for Dindigul, Oddanchatram, Palani, Udumalaipettai daily commuters to board Pollachi- Coimbatore unreserved express (Train No.06420) at Pollachi junction.</p> <p>This train can return from Palakkad at evening to provide connection to Coimbatore - Pollachi train (Train No.06419) passengers to transit at Pollachi junction and travel to Udumalaipettai, Palani, Oddanchathram, Dindigul.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP is examined.</p> <p>At present 2 pairs of Mail / Express trains between Dindigul and Palakkad are operational.</p>

9.0	Request for introduction of Mettupalayam- Coimbatore- Pollachi- Palani- Madurai- Tuticorin Tri weekly overnight train.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Timings for a new overnight tri-weekly express train between Mettupalayam and Tuticorin via Coimbatore has been submitted to Railway Board for approval.</p>
10.0	Request for introduction of Mettupalayam – Coimbatore – Pollachi – Palani – Madurai - Tiruchendhur Tri-weekly overnight train.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP was examined.</p> <p>Timings for a new overnight tri-weekly express train between Mettupalayam and Tuticorin via Coimbatore has been submitted to Railway Board for approval.</p>
11.0	A. Request for replacement of worn out coaches in Palakkad- Chennai Central - Palakkad SF express Train No.22651/52.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The old ICF coaches are being replaced with LHB coaches in phased manner.</p>
	B. Request for augmentation of coaches to the same train.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Augmentation is not feasible due to platform and pit line constraints at Chennai Central.</p>
12.0	Request to provide good drinking water to Udumalaipettai railway station using Municipal water connection instead of well water.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Well water is supplied at present and enough to meet the demands of passengers. If additional demands are required then assistance from Municipal corporation will be taken up.</p>
13.0	Request for early restoration of Rameswaram connectivity to Pollachi, Udumalaipettai. Palani train passengers which was available before Gauge conversion of Dindigul - Palani - Coimbatore/ Palakkad section.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Restoration of the following Trains in the Coimbatore - Pollachi - Palani - Dindigul BG section.</p> <p>After gauge conversion, two pairs of passenger trains are being operated viz., one pair between Coimbatore and Palani and another pair between Coimbatore and Pollachi, based on commercial demand.</p>

	However, Timings for extension of Train No. 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram – Madurai Amritha Express to Rameswaram have been approved by Railway Board and dates will be notified later.
14.0	Request for permission for sale of coconut products in Udumalaipettai Railway station under One Station One Product scheme instead of Palm products.
	<u>Response:</u> In addition to Palm products, one more OSOP stall will be provided for coconut products.
15.0	Request for restoration of pre COVID lockdown 2S facility in Amritha Express 16343/44 between Palakkad and Madurai.
	<u>Response:</u> At present three General second class coaches are available by T.No.16343/44. Augmentation of additional GS/2S coaches will be considered.

**GM's Meeting with Hon'ble MPs of the region served by
Madurai Division on 29.02.2024**

	Shri Su Thirunavukkarasar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tiruchchirappalli Constituency
1.0	Request for new Railway Line between Pudukottai - Thanjavur via Gandavarkottai;
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for the work submitted to Railway Board on 29.02.2016 for 71.72 km with IRR (-) 8.274%. Railway Board Shelved the proposal vide letter on 06.05.2016.</p>
2.0	Request for survey of a New Railway Line between Pattukottai - Alangudi - Pudukottai - Thuvankurichi – Dindigul.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>No survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board for a direct line from Pattukottai- Alangudi - Pudukottai - Thuvankurichi - Dindigul.</p>
3.0	Request for construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) or Road Under Bridge (RUB) at the level crossing of Inamkulathur Railway Station, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to LC No.265 at Km 358/600-700 in Kolathur(KLS) Yard in TPJ-DG Section. The TVU of this LC is 85,176 as on July 2022. Subway is not feasible at this location due to water logging issues. Since, the traffic density at this LC is less than 1 lakh TVU, this LC does not qualify for replacement by ROB on cost sharing basis. This representation of Hon'ble MP will be reviewed in terms of the extant Railway Board norms.</p>
4.0	Request for construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) or Road Under Bridge (RUB) at Thiruvappur Railway Gate.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to Construction of a Road Over Bridge(ROB) or Road Under Bridge(RUB) is in lieu LC No.372 at Km 452/900-453/000 between Vellanur(VEL) – Pudukottai (PDKT) Stations in TPJ - MNM Section. The ROB proposal was sent to Railway Board and sanctioned in Works Programme 2023 - 24 on 50:50 cost sharing basis with the State Government of Tamil Nadu. The alignment is under finalization by Highway Department of Tamil Nadu. It is understood that the alignment by the State Highways has been submitted to RO/MDU/NHA seeking NOC as the proposed ROB is in the vicinity of National Highways.</p>

5.0	Request for construction of Road Over Bridge (or) Road Under Bridge at Karuvappalen in lieu of LC No.372 at KM 455/800-900 between Vellanur-Pudukottai Stations in Tiruchchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to Construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) or Road Under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of LC No.376 at Km 455/800-900 between Vellanur (VEL) - Pudukottai (PDKT) Stations in TPJ - MNM Section. This ROB work is sanctioned under the Railway Works Programme 2022 - 23 on 50:50 cost sharing basis with the State Government of Tamil Nadu. The alignment details were finalized and submitted by Highway Department of Tamil Nadu. The preparation of GAD is under process.</p>
6.0	Request for resumption of Train Services on Karaikudi - Aranthangi - Peravurani - Pattukottai - Athirampattinam - Thiruthuraipoondi - Thiruvarur BG Section.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>At present the following trains are running in the Tiruvarur - Tiruturai-pundi-Karaikkudi section.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Train No.20683/20684 Tambaram - Sengottai Tri-Weekly Express. (ii) Train No. 16361/16362 Ernakulam – Velankanni (BW) Express. (iii) TrainNo.06197/06198 Tiruvarur – Karaikudi - Tiruvarur (Five days a week) Unreserved Express Special. <p>Timings for the following trains routed via Karaikudi - Tiruvarur have been finalised and submitted to Railway Board for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Karaikkudi - Mayiladuthurai Daily express. (ii) Tiruvarur - Karaikudi Passenger (iii) Secunderabad - Rameswaram Weekly express. <p>Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
7.0	Request to resume stoppage of all Trains at Keeranur Railway Station, Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu;
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>At present one pair of Mail/Express trains and 6 passenger trains are having stoppage at Keeranur. The ticket sale at Keeranur is less than the norms of Railway Board for provision of stoppage for additional trains.</p> <p>Powers for stoppage of trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
8.0	Request to set up a new Integrated Rail Coach Factory in Pudukottai.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Setting up of Manufacturing Units for Rolling Stock is decided at Railway Board.</p>

9.0	Request for new Railway Line between Aranthangi - Pudukottai - Manapparai - Palayam- Karur.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>No survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board for the above work.</p>
10.0	Request to increase the frequency of Hazrat Nizamuddin – Kanniyakumari Tirukkural Express from bi-weekly to a Daily train.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Train No.12641/12642 Kanniyakumari – H.Nizamuddin Bi-Weekly express is an inter railway train which shares common with other trains over Southern Railway and other zones also. Hence increasing the frequency of this trains is not feasible for the present.</p>
11.0	Request for extension of Chennai-Hyderabad train upto Kanniyakumari via Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Tiruchchirappalli, Madurai and Tirunelveli.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Timings for extension of Train No. 12760/12759 Hyderabad-Tambaram-Hyderabad Charminar Express to Nagercoil has been finalised and submitted to Railway Board for approval.</p>
12.0	Request for extension of Rameswaram -Tiruchchirappalli Express upto Salem.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Powers for extension of trains are vested with Railway Board. Train No.16849/16850 is having primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli, and the lie over time available after primary maintenance is insufficient for its extension to Salem.</p>
13.0	Request for introduction of New Train between Rameshwaram - Yashwatpur (Bengalur) via Karaikkudi, Pudukottai, Tiruchirappalli, Karur, Namakkal, Salem, Dharmapuri, Hosur.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Timings for a new weekly train fromHubbali to Rameswaram via Yesvantpur – Hosur – Salem – Namakkal – Tiruchchirappalli – Pudukottai has been submitted to Railway Board for approval.</p> <p>Moreover, this train is presently operated as Train No.07355/07356 Hubbali – Rameswaram (Weekly) train on demand special via the route suggested by the Hon’ble MP.</p> <p>Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>

14.0	Request for provision of Stoppage to Ayodhya Express at Pudukottai.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The average tickets sold at Pudukkottai is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains.</p> <p>Train No. 22613/22614 Rameswaram – Ayodhya – Rameswaram Shraddha Sethu Superfast Express stops at Karaikkudi which is 37kms away from Pudukottai. Providing stoppages at short intervals for this long distance train will slow down the trains and affect the superfast nature of the train.</p> <p>Powers for stoppage of trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
15.0	Request to resume Anthodya Express between Tirunelveli – Chennai.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Train No.20691/20692 (old no.16191/16192) Tambaram-Nagercoil Antyodaya via Tirunelveli was resumed with effect from 01.07.2021.</p>
16.0	Request to direct train Service between Rameswaram - Chennai – New Delhi.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p> <p>At present two pairs of daily Express and Four pairs of non-daily Express trains are connecting Rameswaram and Chennai.</p> <p>For Passengers from and to New Delhi to Rameswaram, Train No.22661/22662 Chennai Egmore – Rameswaram Superfast Express provides connectivity at Chennai Egmore to Train No.12641/12642 Kanniyakumari - Hazrat Nizamuddin Bi-Weekly Express and Train No.12651/12652 Madurai - Hazrat Nizamuddin Bi-Weekly Express.</p>
17.0	Request for recognition of Railway Users Committee in Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu and their inclusion in the Railway Advisory Committee.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Present term of DRUCC will expire on 30.06.2024. Recognition of new members for DRUCC will be taken into consideration during next term. Station Consultative Committee has already been constituted and will be in force upto 31.12.2025.</p> <p>Present term of DRUCC will expire on 30.06.2024.</p> <p>Tenure of present Station Consultative Committee members will expire on 31.12.2025.</p> <p>Inclusion of new members will be considered during next term.</p>

18.0	Request for increasing the frequency of Rameswaram - Coimbatore Express from weekly to daily train (16617/16618).
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The rake of Train No.16617/16618 Rameswaram - Coimbatore Weekly Express is integrated with Train No.16613/16614 Rajkot-Coimbatore Weekly Express and the lie over time available is insufficient for increasing the frequency.</p> <p>Moreover there is acute terminal constraints at Coimbatore and suspension of traffic over Pamban bridge it is not feasible for a daily train between Coimbatore and Rameswaram.</p>
19.0	Request for introduction of a new train between Rameswaram - Bengalure – Hyderabad.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Timings for a new weekly train between Rameswaram and Secunderabad via Chennai and between Rameswaram and Hubballi via Yesvantpur have been submitted to Railway Board for approval.</p> <p>Moreover, this train is presently operated as Train No.07355/07356 Hubballi – Rameswaram (Weekly) train on demand special.</p> <p>Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
20.0	Request for diversion of Rameswaram - Tirupati Express via Karaikudi and Pudukottai.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Train No.16779/16780 Rameswaram – Tirupati Express is routed via Madurai for the benefit of pilgrims visiting the temple town. Diverting the train via Karaikudi will deprive the users of an existing facility.</p>
21.0	Request for a daily train from Pudukkottai-Trichy-Villupuram-Chennai.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board. The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted. Train No. 12606/12605 Tiruchchirappalli - Egmore - Tiruchchirappalli is operated in the similar timings as suggested.</p>
22.0	Request for a day time Intercity Express between Trichy-Chennai-Trichy leaving Trichy at 0600 hrs. so as to reach Chennai Egmore by Noon and from Chennai Egmore at around 02.30 Hrs. to reach Trichy by evening.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board. The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted. Train No. 12606/12605 Tiruchchirappalli-Egmore - Tiruchchirappalli is operated in the similar timings as suggested.</p>

	<u>DEMANDS FROM KANNIYAKUMARI</u>
23.0	Request to operate daily Humsatar express train between Chennai Tambaram and Nagercoil Via. Villupuram, Tiruchchirappalli and Madurai.
	<u>Response:</u> Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board. The request of Hon'ble MP is noted.
24.0	Request for extension of South Central Railway proposed Train No.12759/12760 Tambaram - Hyderabad Train to Kanniyakumari via Tirunelveli
	<u>Response:</u> Timings for extension of Train No.12759/12760 Tambaram – Secunderabad Charminar Express to Nagercoil via Vridhachalam has been finalized and submitted to Railway Board for approval.
25.0	Request for Implementation of IRTTC proposal
	<u>Response:</u> At present due to acute path constraints, increasing frequency of these trains are not feasible. Train No. 16351/16352 NCJ-CSTM Express is running in an integrated rake link with other weekly trains, hence change in timings are not feasible.
26.0	Request for Restoration/re-attachment of Kanniyakumari - Nagercoil - Balaramapuram (Excl) and Nagercoil – Tirunelveli sections from Thiruvananthapuram Division to Madurai Division
	<u>Response:</u> Swapping of lines/section/jurisdictions pertain to Railway Board Policy decision.
27.0	Request to Swap Railway lines/Section Tiruchirappalli and Madurai division
	<u>Response:</u> Swapping of lines/section/jurisdictions pertain to Railway Board Policy decision.
28.0	Request to transfer Pollachi (incl) to Kinattukkadavu section & Podanur-Palakkad (excl) section to Salem Division.
	<u>Response:</u> Swapping of lines/section/jurisdictions pertain to Railway Board Policy decision.

29.0	Request for MEMU Shed at Tirunelveli.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present MEMU maintenance sheds in SR are available at Palakkad, Kollam, Tambaram and Avadi, which suffice the maintenance requirements.</p> <p>There is a sanctioned work to build MEMU car shed at Trichy, which shall take care of the maintenance requirements of the MEMU rakes to be run in Trichy/Madurai division. Hence, as of now, MEMU maintenance shed at Madurai division is not planned / required as such.</p>
30.0	Strong opposition against terminal usage of Kanniyakumari/ Nagercoil/Tirunelveli.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Trains are not run on the basis of regional or state boundaries and origination/termination of Trains are based on operating requirements and availability of infrastructure at either end. Optimum utilization of available resources is also kept in mind while planning for services.</p>
31.0	<u>BASIC AMENITIES FOR THE PUDUKOTTAI PASSENGERS</u>
30.1	Request to provide Arrival & Departure Digital Board and Coach position Digital Display Board at Pudukottai Railway station (Most Important)
	<p><u>Response:</u> Static Coach indication board is available on PF No.1 and Coach position information is painted on the Platform surface in PF No 2/3.</p> <p>Arrival & Departure Digital board and Digital Coach display board will be provided at Pudukottai under Amrit Stations scheme.</p> <p>Static Coach indication board is available on PF No 1 and Coach position information is painted on the surface of PF No 2/3. Arrival & Departure Digital board and Digital Coach display board are being provided at Pudukottai under Amrit Station scheme. TDC: Aug 2024.</p>
30.2	Request to reopen Pudukottai Head Post Office Ticket Booking Counter, closed prior to COVID, for the benefit of passengers at Pudukottai Railway station
	<p><u>Response:</u> Postal PRS at Pudukottai Head Post Office has been reopened and is functioning from August 2021 onwards after Covid pandemic.</p>

30.3	Request for drinking Water facility on Platform 1 and 2 and ensure proper working at Pudukottai Railway station
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Pudukkottai is a NSG5 category station. This station is provided with 29 Nos. of Water taps. Potable water facility in the station is met through Piped supply in Railway premises. During Summer period, water supply through outside agency is also being arranged to meet the water requirement.</p> <p>Drinking water facility is available on PF No.1 and 2/3 at Pudukottai and Water Cooler is also available at both the locations.</p> <p>Division will explore the feasibility of providing RO water plant under CSR.</p>
30.4	Request for Food Stall & Tea Stall at Platforms at Pudukottai Railway station
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Division had called for tender / e auction for 11 times since January 2019 and on 23.02.2024 but No offers were received. Division will again conduct e-auction on 11.03.2024.</p>
30.5	Request for Waiting Hall Expansion and Opening for passengers at Pudukottai Railway station
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Pudukottai has been identified for development under Amrit Station scheme. Improved amenities including waiting hall will be provided. It has been proposed to construct a waiting hall with water cooler and male/ female/ divyangjan bathroom/ toilet (PF-1) with an area of 84.7 sqm and Female waiting hall with toilet and feeding room with an area of 39 sqm. TDC: Aug 2024.</p>
30.6	Request for two wheeler Parking facility with Normal Cost at Pudukottai Railway station
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Covered Parking facility has been provided at Pudukottai and the contract has been awarded on e-auction for 3 years w.e.f 12.11.2022.</p> <p>Additional parking space along with provision of Divyanjan parking and EV station has been planned under Amrit station development Scheme Phase I.</p> <p>Parking tariff has been revised with effect from 17.08.2023 after a gap of three years. The parking charges at Pudukottai (NSG5) is given below.</p>

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	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>At Pudukottai Railway Station one Integrated Unreserved Ticketing System counter is operated round the clock and current booking is being done for all the trains.</p> <p>At Pudukottai Railway Station one IUTS counter is operated round the clock and current booking is being done for all the trains.</p>																													
30.8	Request for Platforms Upgradation at Pudukottai Railway station.																													
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Pudukkottai station has three platforms all the three are high level as per the standards.</p>																													
30.9	Request for Battery Car Facility at Pudukottai Railway station.																													
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>e-Auction called for provision, operation and maintenance of Battery Operated Car at Pudukkotai on 27.11.2023, 09.02.2024 and 26.02.2024. No offers were received. We will call for the same, again.</p>																													
30.10	Request for Lift Facility at Platform – 1 & 2 at Pudukottai Railway station.																													
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>At PDKT Railway Station, lifts will be provided shortly at PF No.1 and 2&3 under Amrit Station Scheme.</p>																													

30.11	Request to appoint Cleaning Staff (Sweeper) for Pudukkottai Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>At present, cleaning activities are being done through Station imprest. Cleanliness of PDKT station will be ensured.</p>
30.12	Request to set up announcement speaker on the Platform-2 at Pudukkottai Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Work is in progress for provision of coach indication digital board and announcement speakers under Amrit Station scheme.</p>
30.13	Request to open ticket booking counter No.2 at Pudukkottai Railway Station for the passengers.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Presently one counter with a facility of issuing both reserved and unreserved tickets is functioning round the clock at the station. On an average, 70 reservation forms and 200 unreserved tickets are being issued daily which are below the yardstick for providing an additional counter.</p> <p>In addition, one Automatic Ticket Vending Machine is also available at the station. Passengers can also use UTS App for purchasing unreserved tickets. The Railway will monitor the queue length at this location and do the needful when required.</p>
30.14	Request to resume following trains
	(i) Train Nos.76839/40 Trichirappalli - Karaikudi - Tiruchchirappalli DEMU with Toilet facility
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Train No.76839/76840 Tiruchchirappalli – Karaikudi DEMU has been resumed as Train No.06887/06888 Tiruchchirappalli-Karaikudi DEMU Express Special. This train traverses a distance of 89 Kms.</p> <p>As per the norms of Railway Board toilet facility is provided for trains either having more than 04 hours journey time or beyond 160 Kms run. However feasibility of operating Train No.76839/76840 DEMU with conventional coaches will be examined.</p>
	(ii) Train Nos.76807/08 Manamadurai – Trichy - Manamadurai DEMU Trains.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Train No. 76807/76808 Manamadurai – Trichy – Manamadurai DEMU is now running as Train No.06829/06830 and short terminated at Karaikudi due to corridor block between Manamadurai-Karaikudi.</p>

31.0	<u>BASIC AMENITIES FOR THE KEERANUR PASSENGERS:</u>
31.1	Request for over bridge for Pedestrians to enter the town nearby.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Keeranur is a NSG6 category station. At present, one FOB is already available at this station connecting the two platforms. Railway is obliged to provide FOB to facilitate inter platform transfer for bonafide Railway passengers within Railway limits. Further extension of existing FOBs beyond railway premises and to enter the town will be considered if the same is proposed by State Govt., with provision of financing.</p>
31.2	Request for Drinking Water facility at Keeranur
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Drinking water facility is provided at Platform-1 with 6 taps and Platform-2 with 8 taps as per MEA norms.</p>
31.3	Request to expand Platform at Keeranur.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>This station has two HL Platforms of 405m long and adequate to hold the longest stopping train of length 220m.</p> <p>Platforms 1 & 2 at Keeranur Station have been raised to high level.</p>
31.4	Request for Toilet Facility at Keeranur.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>This station is provided with 4 Nos. of lavatories/urinals which is the adequate for the present level of traffic. New waiting hall will be constructed under Amrit scheme and work awarded by which additional toilets will be provided. (PCE)</p> <p>Keeranur has been provided with 4 toilets& 3 urinals against MEA norms of 1 toilet and 1 urinal.</p>
31.5	Request for Ticket Counter at Keeranur.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Tickets are issued by Station Master. Average no. of tickets per day is 30.</p>
31.6	Request for Space and facility for Two Wheeler parking at Keeranur.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Parking area of 90 sqm available. Offers not received in e-auction for manning this area.</p>

	<u>DEMANDS FROM PATTUKOTTAI</u>
32.1	Request regular over night train between KKDI-MS / MDU-MS / TPJ-MS / RMM-MS (at least any one) immediately.
	<u>Response:</u> Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board. However the suggestion of Hon'ble MP is noted and during Deepavali special trains will be planned through this route.
32.2	Request for status and regular day time services to Madurai/Rameswaram/Trichy from this area.
	<u>Response:</u> Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board. However the suggestion of Hon'ble MP is noted and during Deepavali special trains will be planned through this route.
32.3	Request for repairing work in platform shelters and damaged drainage pipes, cracked and uneven platform at all the railway stations in this section particularly Pattukottai, Adirampattinam and Peravoorani stations immediately before the monsoon rainy season and name painting / rectification of spelling in name board at PKT – Status of work undertaken.
	<u>Response:</u> PF shelter leakage at Aranthangi station has been attended duly replacing gutters. PF shelters repair works & uneven PF surface at Pattukottai & Adirampattinam stations were attended. There is no leakage in PF shelters at Peravoorani station and repairs to PF surface will be carried out through zonal contract. All the stations' name boards are painted and the stations names are corrected.
32.4	Request to extend Punalur-Madurai Train No.16730/16729 Express to Rajapalayam via Velankanni, Dindigul, Tiruchchirappalli, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur.
	<u>Response:</u> The rake of Train No.16729/16730 Madurai-Punalur is having primary Maintenance at Madurai and facilities for rake maintenance are not available at Nagapattinam. Hence this proposal is not feasible.

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

	Shri P. Velusamy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Dindigul Constituency.
1.0	Request to complete unfinished Railway Subway Works under Construction at LC 6 of Dindigul Kujiliamparai road, increase rain water tank capacity and bring for public use.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to RUB works in lieu of LC-6 at Km 3/100-200 between DG and Akkarapatti Stations in DG-POY section in Madurai Division. The RUB work within Railway boundary has been completed in all aspects. Approach work is being carried out by State Highways of Tamilnadu. The drainage arrangement work is being carried out by State Highways and the same is in progress.</p>
2.0	Request status and start construction of Road Over Bridge at LC Gate 63 at Dindigul District, Palani Pududharapuram Road.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to an ROB in lieu of LC-63 at Km 58/700-800 between PLNI-PPTR (New Dharapuram Road) in Madurai Division. The ROB work was sanctioned in works programme 2017-18 on 50:50 cost sharing basis. Subsequently, the State Highways has requested for 4 lane ROB in place of already sanctioned 2 lane ROB. The TVU of this LC is 1,44,318 as per the latest census taken during June 2022, for which this ROB qualifies only for 2 lane on 50:50 cost sharing basis. Hence, the additional 2 lane proposal will be dealt as per the extant Railway Board norms.</p>
3.0	Request current status and start soon the construction of Road Over Bridge at LCs of Chatrapatti, Ayakudi and Thalayuthu.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p><u>LC Nos.49@ Chatrappati:</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to an ROB in lieu of LC No.49 at km 46/900-46/000 between Chatrappatti and Palani Stations in DG-POY Section. 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 in Aug 2014. NHAI is yet to commence this ROB work. As per MoU executed between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on 10/11/2014, all the level crossings in the NH have to be eliminated by construction of ROU/RUBs by MoRTH/NHAI at their cost.</p> <p><u>LC No.56 @ Ayakudi:</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to ROB in lieu of LC NO.56 at km 52/9-10 in Ayakudi Chatrappatti and Palani Stations in DG-POY Section in</p>

	<p>Madurai Division. 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. NHAI is yet to commence this ROB work. As per MoU executed between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on 10/11/2014, all the level crossing in the NH have to be eliminated by construction of ROB/RUBs by MoRTH/NHAI at their cost.</p> <p><u>ROB work, LC No.68 @ Thalayuthu:</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble MP's representation pertains to ROB at Thalayuthu lieu of LC No.68 at kn67/700-67/800 between Palani and Pushpattur Stations (Thalayam Gate) in DG-POY Section. 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. NHAI is yet to commence this ROB work. As per MoU executed between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on 10/11/2014, all the level crossings in the NH have to be eliminated by construction of ROB/RUBs by MoRTH/NHAI at their cost.</p>
4.0	<p>Request for restoration of meter gauge train No.771/772 Dindigul/Coimbatore/Dindigul Express and extension of Tran No.06419/06420, Pollachi/Coimbatore/Pollachi to Dindigul.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Train No.771/772 Coimbatore – Pollachi Passenger was a commuter train which used to operate between Pollachi and Coimbatore in morning hours and in the return direction it catered to the evening commuter traffic between Coimbatore and Pollachi.</p> <p>At present Train No.06420/06419 Coimbatore-Pollachi Express Special runs to similar timings and caters to commuter traffic between Coimbatore – Pollachi-Coimbatore. If extended the train will not be able to connect the existing path of this train which caters to the demand of the commuters.</p>
5.0	<p>Request current status of Erode to Palani proposed railway line from Erode Junction (via) Kangeyam, Dharapuram to Palani.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The project of Erode for Palani, via Dharapuram has been kept in Abeyance by Railway Board.</p>

6.0	STOPPAGES OF TRAINS AT KODAI ROAD
	<p>(i) Train No.20605/20606: TCN Chennai Express (Old.No16105/16106)</p> <p>(ii) Train No.12635-12636: Vaigai SF Express</p> <p>(iii) Train No. 12693-12694: Pearl City Express</p> <p>(iv) Train No. 16723-16724: Ananthapuri Express</p> <p>(v) Train No. 16340-16339: Mumbai Express</p> <p>(vi) Train No.12666-12665: Kolkata - Howrah Express</p> <p>(vii) Train No.20691-20692: Antyodaya SF Express</p> <p>(viii) Train No.02689-02690: Central Express</p> <p>(ix) Train No. 06779-06778: Tiruchendur Express</p> <p>(x) Train No. 12642-12641: Thirukkural SF Express</p> <p>(xi) Train No. 16343-12641: Amritha Express</p> <p>(xii) Train No. 22627-22628: TPJ TVC Intercity SF EXP</p> <p>Train No. 20601-20602: Bodinayakkanur SF Express.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Stoppage for the following trains has been provided at Kodaikanal Road:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Train No. 12690 Nagercoil - Chennai Central (Weekly) Express at Kodaikanal Road with effect from 24/07/23. 2. T. No. 16779 Rameswaram - Tirupati (Tri-weekly)) Express with effect from 25/07/23. 3. Train no. 16339/16340 Mumbai CST – Nagercoil - Mumbai CST Express w.e.f 15.09.2023. <p>Train No. 12689 Chennai Central - Nagercoil (Weekly) Express and T. No. 16780 Rameswaram - Tirupati (Tri-weekly) Express are stopping at Kodaikanal Road.</p> <p>Stoppage for the following trains were eliminated during Zero-based Time tabling exercise due to sustained poor patronage over the years:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. T.No. 20605/20606 (Old No. 16105/16106) Chennai - Tiruchendur Express 2. T.No. 12693/12694 Chennai Egmore – Tuticorin Pearl City Express 3. T.No. 20635/20636 (old No. 1673/16724) Chennai Egmore - Kollam Ananthapuri Express. 4. T.No. 12665/12666 Howrah - Kanniyakumari Express <p>T.No.12641/12642 Kanniyakumari – H. Nizamuddin - Thirukkural Express.</p> <p>The average tickets sold at Kodaikanal Road is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of trains. Train No. 12635/12636 Vaigai Express, Train. No. 20691/20692 Antyodaya Express, Train No. 16343/16344 Amrita Express, Train No. 22627/22628 TPJ – TVC Intercity Express and Train no. 20601/20602 Chennai Central – Bodinayakanur Express are stopping at Dindigul Junction, which is 25 kms away from Kodaikanal Road.</p>

7.0	<p>STOPPAGES OF TRAINS AT AMBATURAI (ABI)</p> <p>(i) Tuticorin - Mysuru Express Train No: 16235/16236</p> <p>(ii) Tirunelveli to Tiruchirappalli - Intercity Express No: 22628</p> <p>(iii) Vaigai Express - Train No.12635</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The average ticket sales at Ambathurai station is below the Railway Board norms for provision of stoppage for additional trains. Hence it is not feasible to provide stoppages as requested.</p> <p>Train No. 16235/16235 Tuticorin Mysuru Express, Train No. 22627/22628 Tiruchchirappalli- Thiruvananthapuram Intercity Express and Train No. 12635/12636 Vaigai Express are stopping at Dindigul Junction, which is only 9 kms away from Ambaturai station.</p>
8.0	<p>Request to convert Train No.12689 / 12690 Weekly Train as daily service and route it via Dindigul, Karur, Salem.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Central and path constraints between SA-MAS section, it is not feasible to increase the frequency of T.No.12689/90 Chennai Central-Nagercoil Weekly Express to daily.</p> <p>As this train is highly patronized at Tiruchchirappalli Jn. skipping TPJ will affect the existing users.</p>
9.0	<p>Request to convert Train No.22658 Nagercoil-Tambaram tri-weekly as Daily Express.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted. The feasibility of the proposal will be examined after the completion of doubling of Nagercoil – Madurai section and yard re-modelling works at Nagercoil Junction.</p>
10.0	<p>Request to regularise Sunday Special Train between Nagercoil Junction-Chennai running during vacations/festive seasons for the use of passengers for their week end trip to Chennai.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Special trains are operated during the festival seasons and summer & winter seasons to clear extra rush based on commercial justification and operational feasibility.</p> <p>Special trains will continue to be operated based on demand.</p>

11.0	Request to operate daily Humsafar Express between Chennai Tambaram and Kanniyakumari via Villupuram, Tiruchchirappalli, Dindigul and Madurai.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP will be examined for studying the feasibility.</p>
12.0	Request to operate overnight Vande Bharath Express train between Chennai Tambaram and Kanniyakumari via Villupuram, Tiruchchirappalli, Dindigul and Madurai.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Introduction of Vande Bharat comes under the purview of Railway Board.</p>
13.0	Request for extension of Train No.12665/12666 Howrah-Kanniyakumari-Howrah daily train service.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The Rake of T. No. 12665/12666 Howrah – CAPE (Weekly) Express is integrated with other express trains Hence increasing the frequency of the train to daily is not feasible.</p> <p>Train No. 12663/12664 Howrah–Tiruchchirappalli Bi-weekly Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli. Lie-over time available for the train on Tuesdays is 10 hours 45 minutes which is insufficient for its extension to Kanniyakumari. Also, the train shares common path with other non-daily trains and hence increase in frequency of the train to daily is not feasible.</p>
14.0	NORTH EASTERN BOUND TRAIN CONNECTIVITY.
	Short termination of Train No.22503/22504 Kanniyakumari – Dibrugarh Express at Kochuveli for 4 days and reroute via TPJ, DG, MDU, TEN and NCJ.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Diversion of this train via Tirunelveli and Madurai will deprive passengers in the present route of an existing connectivity. Hence the proposal is not feasible.</p> <p>Short termination at Kochuveli is not feasible for these trains due to the acute terminal constraints at Kochuveli Railway station and will adversely affect the existing users at Nagercoil and Kanniyakumari. Hence the proposal is not feasible.</p>

	<p>(i) Kanniyakumari-Agartala Weekly via Chennai, Tiruchchirappalli, Dindigul, Madurai, Tirunelveli.</p> <p>(ii) Kanniyakumari-Shokhuvi/Lumding Weekly via Chennai, Tiruchchirappalli, Dindigul, Madurai, Tirunelveli.</p> <p>(iii) Kanniyakumari-Silchar Weekly via Chennai, Tiruchchirappalli, Dindigul, Madurai, Tirunelveli.</p> <p>(iv) Kanniyakumari-Silghat via Chennai, Tiruchchirappalli, Dindigul, Madurai, Tirunelveli.</p> <p>(v) Kanniyakumari-New Tinsukia Weekly via Chennai, Tiruchchirappalli, Dindigul, Madurai, Tirunelveli.</p> <p>(vi) Kanniyakumari-New Jalpaiguri via Chennai, Tiruchchirappalli, Dindigul, Madurai, Tirunelveli.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Powers for introduction of new trains and extension are vested with Railway Board.</p> <p>Moreover, being inter-zonal trains, concurrence of other zonal railways are also required with regard to availability of path, terminal facility, availability for maintenance of the rake at originating/destination stations and platform availability for receipt and despatch.</p> <p>The lie over time at Tambaram for Train No.15929/15930 New Tinsukia – Tambaram Weekly Express and Train No.15629/15630 Silghat Town - Tambaram Weekly Express is not adequate for their extension to Kanniyakumari. Hence the request is not feasible.</p> <p>Train No.22611/22612 Chennai – Central – New Jalpaiguri Weekly Express is well patronised and extension of the train as suggested will result in reduction in the availability of accommodation for the existing users and hence not feasible.</p>

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	Shri S. Venkatesan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Madurai Constituency
1.0	Request for Vande Bharat Express service from Madurai to Mysore via Bangaluru.
	<u>Response:</u> Introduction of Vande Bharat trains is a Policy Matter which comes under the purview of Board.
2.0	Request to convert Kudal Nagar Station into Second Terminal and infrastructural development.
	<u>Response:</u> Madurai coaching terminal is adequately serving the traffic needs over the area. Provision of a second coaching terminal at Kudalnagar will be considered at an appropriate time based on need and feasibility.
3.0	Request to stop Vaigai Express & Pandiyan Express at Koodal Nagar at the first priority duly starting trial basis for six months.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. Additional stoppage at short distances will slow down the superfast Express. Kudal Nagar station is only 3 kms away from Madurai station where the above trains originate / terminate and the average ticket sales at Kudal Nagar station is less than the Railway Board's norms for provision of stoppage for Mail / Express trains. Hence, provision of stoppage for the above trains is not feasible.
4.0	Request for extension of Hyderabad-Tambaram Express train upto Madurai.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of extension of train by Hon'ble MP was examined. Timings for extension of Train No.12759/12760 Tambaram – Hyderabad Charminar Express to Nagercoil via Villupuram, Vridhachalam and Tiruchchirappalli has been submitted to Railway Board for approval.
5.0	Request to originate Train Nos.12664/12663 Tiruchchirappalli-Howrah Weekly Express from Madurai to help people of Madurai and Down South.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. Train No. 12664/12663 Howrah–Tiruchchirappalli Bi-weekly Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli. Lie-over time available for the train on Tuesdays is 10 hours 45 minutes which is insufficient for its extension to Madurai as suggested.

6.0	Request action on – Koodal Nagar station is wrongly spelt in the platforms as Kudal Nagar.												
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP is noted.												
7.0	<p>Request to convert Train No.12671/12672-Blue Mountain Express as Special Inter City Express between Mettupalayam and Madurai as has been kept idle in Coimbatore Station for 14 hours between 6 AM and 9 PM. For this rakes can be used from Nilgiri Express.</p> <p><u>Hon'ble MP's Suggestion for the Schedule</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>7.00 AM – MTP</td><td>14.30 PM-MDU</td></tr> <tr> <td>7.45 AM – CBE</td><td>15.20-PM-DGL</td></tr> <tr> <td>8.35 AM – Palani</td><td>16.20-PM-Palani</td></tr> <tr> <td>10.30 AM –Dindigul</td><td>17.20-PM-Pollachi</td></tr> <tr> <td>11.20 AM – MDU</td><td>18.00-PM-CBE</td></tr> <tr> <td>18.40-PM – MTPs</td><td></td></tr> </table>	7.00 AM – MTP	14.30 PM-MDU	7.45 AM – CBE	15.20-PM-DGL	8.35 AM – Palani	16.20-PM-Palani	10.30 AM –Dindigul	17.20-PM-Pollachi	11.20 AM – MDU	18.00-PM-CBE	18.40-PM – MTPs	
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	<p><u>Response:</u> Due to insufficient lie over time available at Mettupalayam for T. No. 12671/12672, the proposal for operation of Intercity Express as suggested is not feasible. However, it is informed that a proposal for a tri-weekly Express between Mettupalayam and Tuticorin via Madurai has been submitted to Railway Board for approval.</p>												
8.0	Request for stoppage of Train Nos.16847/16848 at T.Vadipatti Station as Devotees of Shrine ArockiaMatha Church are facing hardships.												
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present, one pair of Express trains and one pair of passenger trains are booked to stop at Vadipatti. The average ticket sales at Vadipatti station is less than the Railway Board's norms for provision of stoppage for additional trains.</p> <p>Train No.16847/16848 Mayiladuthurai-Dindigul Express is a sensitive commuter train between Madurai and Sengottai. Provision of additional stoppage will result in increased running time, thereby affecting the timings of this commuter train. The train stops at Kodaikanal Road which is 11 kms from Vadipatti. Hence, provision of additional stoppage at Vadipatti is not feasible.</p>												
9.0	Request to convene meeting with Local Administrative Authority, Madurai Corporation Commissioner and Divisional Railway Manager/Madurai for Roads, Transportation and Amenities.												
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP is noted & will be acted upon.</p>												

10.0	Request to provide toilet facilities in the Electrical Engines for drivers as there is considerable increase in the number of Lady Loco Pilots facing hardships for privacy and toilets.
	<u>Response:</u> At present, Locomotives are not equipped with a washroom facility. Railway Board sanctioned retro fitment of waterless urinals during Jan 2024 in three phase Goods Locos. The work of provision of these waterless urinals is in process.
11.0	<u>NEW TRAINS FROM MADURAI.</u>
11.1	Day express between Madurai and Bangalore via Dindigul, Salem, Bangarapet&Krishnarajapuram.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP will be examined. Operational & Commercial feasibility will be examined.
11.2	Tuticorin – Coimbatore
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP will be examined. Operational & Commercial feasibility will be examined.
11.3	Madurai-Velankanni
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP will be examined. Operational & Commercial feasibility will be examined.
11.4	Rameshwaram-Coimbatore Day Express
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP will be examined. Operational & Commercial feasibility will be examined.
11.5	Calicut – Madurai
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP will be examined. Operational & Commercial feasibility will be examined.
11.6	Vande Bharat Train from Chennai should start from Madurai
	<u>Response:</u> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board. The requests of the Hon'ble MP are noted.

11.7	Request to make Diesel & Electrical multiple units to utilise push and pull between Virudunagar and Dindigul via Madurai.
	Response: It will be implemented once Southern Railway receives allotment of MEMUs.
12.0	<u>RESTORATION OF FOLLOWING TRAINS</u>
12.1	Tuticorin/Madurai/Coimbatore day intercity Express.
	Response: The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. Timings for a new overnight tri-weekly express train between Mettupalayam and Tuticorin via Coimbatore has been sent to Railway Board for approval.
12.2	Rameswaram/Madurai/Coimbatore overnight Express.
	Response: Due to acute terminal constraints at Coimbatore, it is not feasible to introduce new trains as suggested.
12.3	Coimbatore/Madurai/Sengottai day intercity Express.
	Response: Due to acute terminal constraints at Coimbatore, it is not feasible to introduce new trains as suggested.
12.4	Madurai to Coimbatore Superfast Express.
	Response: T. No. 16721/16722 Coimbatore - Madurai – Coimbatore Express (Daily) is operated with effect from 01.09.2022 via Palani and Pollachi.
12.5	Request to again re-open Madurai-Tallakulam Railway Reservation counter.
	Response: Madurai Tallakulam was a non-railhead PRS center at Tallakulam Post Office building. The counters were manned by Railway staff and average number of forms dealt daily per counter per shift was 54 during the year 2019-20. As the patronage was low, Postal Department was requested to take over manning of counters by Postal staff. As this was not agreed by the Postal authorities, the counters were closed in October, 2020. Reservation facility is presently available at Madurai Jn Railway station which is 4 kms away from this Tallakulam Post Office. It may also kindly be noted that presently, more than 80% of the reservation of tickets is being done through e-ticketing mode over Southern Railway.

13.0	<u>NEW PROJECTS</u>
13.1	Request for new Line between Dindigul and Karaikudi
	<p><u>Response:</u> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic survey between Karaikudi -Dindigul via Natham was conducted and report was submitted to Board on 06.07.2015. Railway Board shelved the proposal on 31.03.2016.</p>
13.2	Request for Sabarimala Railway Project.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic survey has been conducted for a new line between Dindigul - Kumuli (Lower camp) via Bodinayakannur and Teni. Report was submitted to Board on 22.05.2014(via Bodi - 133.56 km) IRR (-) 3.669%. & (via Teni- 123 km) IRR (+) 0.445%. Railway Board shelved the proposal on 04.01.2022.</p> <p>Further, Railway Board vide item No. 17 of Demands for Grants 2016-17 allotted. Reconnaissance Engineering Survey for a new BG line between Kumuli-Sabarimala for 106 km. Field survey has been completed and length of alignment finalised as 31.65 km. Engineering survey completed and IRR under preparation. On receipt of vetted Traffic report, Report will be submitted to Board duly approved by GM.</p> <p>Railway Board vide item No. 23 of Demands for Grants 2016-17 allotted. Reconnaissance Engineering Survey for a new BG line between Dindigul - Sabarimala for 201 km. Field survey has been completed and length of alignment finalised as 156 km. Engineering survey completed and IRR under preparation. On receipt ofvetted Traffic report, Report will be submitted to Board duly approved by GM.</p>
13.3	Request for Madurai-Melur-Karaikudi New Project.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Reconnaissance Engineering Survey cum Traffic Survey has been conducted for a new line between Madurai-Karaikudi(via) Tirupattur Road and Melur was conducted and report submitted to Railway Board on 27.11.2014 for 85.7 km. with IRR (-) 7.742%. Railway Board shelved the proposal vide letter dated: 15.01.2016.</p>
13.4	Request for installation of Traffic signal and regulate the same in Eastern Gate, Madurai station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> District administration will be asked to provide bad traffic signal at East Gate.</p>

13.5	Request for 24 hrs. open ticket counter in Western Entry.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Currently the western entry counter functions from 05.30 hrs to 21.30 hrs during which only 250 unreserved tickets are issued which is below the shift wise benchmark.</p> <p>In addition, three ATVMs are also available at this entry and passengers can utilize these machines during night time to purchase unreserved tickets. Passengers can also make use of the UTS App to take unreserved tickets round the clock.</p> <p>The present counter arrangement is sufficient to deal with the traffic at the second entry at Madurai Jn.</p>
13.6	Request to utilise about 250 acres of available railway land in Nilaiyur, Madurai District for the development of a new terminus or railway carriage yard.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Provision of a coaching terminal at Nilaiyur will be considered in the future location assessments for the second coaching terminal as and when the need arises.</p>

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	Shri R. Dharmar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha),
1.0	Request to urgently replace 10000 litres tank with 20000 litres tank at Paramakudi railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Approval will be sought for in the upcoming Water Committee meeting based on the footfall in the station.</p>
2.0	Request for VIP lounge at Paramakudi Railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The suggestion is noted please.</p>
3.0	Request for stoppage of Paramakudi-Kanyakumari Express Train No. 22622 at Paramakudi while returning from Kanyakumari.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The average ticket sale at Paramakudi is less than the Railway Board's norms for provision of stoppage for additional trains.</p> <p>Stoppage at Paramakudi for Train T. No. 22622 Kanyakumari - Rameswaram Express was eliminated due to sustained poor patronage over the years.</p>
4.0	Request to build fence wall at one side (another side is already available) of Rameshwaram to Madurai TLC No. 475 gate Paramakudi Santhakadai and Marudhu Pandi nagar star and five girder flyover bridge.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Site inspection will be done by field officials and based on feasibility work will be done.</p>

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	Shri Vaiko, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha),
1.0	Request to conduct survey for Double line between Sengottai - Tenkasi and Tirunelveli Junction - Tirunelveli Town to ease the traffic.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. Line capacity of TEN-TSI & TSI-SCT section is only 39% & 51.4% respectively. Doubling will be considered in future based on operational requirements.</p>
2.0	Request to increase the number of platforms in Tirunelveli and Sengottai stations to handle more trains.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. At present 5 platforms are available at TEN. An additional second entry platform is being provided as part of the ongoing doubling work. Sengottai has 3 passenger PFs. The existing facilities are sufficient for the present level of traffic. Additional facilities will be considered in future when the need arises.</p>
3.0	Request to construct bypass line at Tenkasi to avoid reversals.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present there is no operational requirement for a bypass. The same will be examined in future when the need arises.</p>
4.0	Request to increase mini shelters in Pavurchatram at Platform No. 1
	<p><u>Response:</u> Pavurchatram is a NSG6 category station. This station is already provided with 391sqm of PF shelter on PF No. 1 which is adequate for the current footfall.</p>
5.0	Request to speed up the platform length increasing work at TCN - TEN - SCT - PUU - QLN section.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The existing platform length at all the platforms in section TCN –TEN –SCT-PUU-QLN Section are adequate to hold the longest stopping train at respective stations except at Tenkasi (PF No.4), Alwartirunagari, Nazareth (PF No-2), Tiruchendur(PF No.2&3) Kilikollur (PF No.1), Chandanattop (halt) (PF-1) Kundara East (halt) (PF No. 1), Ezhukone(flag) (PF No. 1) &Kuri(halt) (PF No. 1). Work sanctioned for extension of PF at Alwartirunagari&Ezhukone(flag). Tender opened & under Finalization.</p> <p>For balance stations feasibility study will be made for extension of platforms and will be proposed in the ensuing works programme.</p>

6.0	Request to provide Coach indication display boards at important stations.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Digital Coach indication board is available on PF1 at Tirunelveli. Other platforms will be completed during Station Redevelopment.</p> <p>Digital coach indication boards will be provided at Virudhunagar, Srivilliputhur, Rajapalayam, Tenkasi, Ambasamudram as part of the development under Amrit Station Scheme Phase-I.</p> <p>Sivakasi, Sengottai, Kallidaikurichi will be covered during Amrit Station Scheme Phase II.</p> <p>Division has provided Static boards at CheranMahadevi, Ambasamudram, Tenkasi, Sengottai, Kadayannallur, Rajapalayam, Sankarankoil, Sivakasi, Srivilliputtur, Tiruttangal&Virudhunagar Junction.</p> <p>Division will provide static boards at PambakovilShandy, Kallidaikurichi, KilaKadaiyam, andPavurchatram shortly.</p>
	<u>STOPPAGE REQUEST</u>
7.0	Request to provide stoppage at Kallidaikurichi for 16791/16792 Palaruvi Express.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Provision of stoppage at Kallidaikurichi for Train No. 16791/16792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad–TirunelveliPalaruviExpress will be examined during the revision of Time Table.</p>
8.0	Request for restoration of Karivalamvanthanallur railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Karivalamvandanallur is available between Rajapalayam and Sankarankoil station in VPT-TSI section. Line capacity utilization of this section is 54%.and there is no operational requirement for provision of additional crossing station over this section as of now.Additional facilities will be considered in future when the need arises.</p>
9.0	Request to restore the stoppages at Satur for the following trains:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Train No.12633 Chennai - Kanniyakumari Express ii. Train No.20605 Chennai - Tiruchendur Express iii. Train No.22667/68 Coimbatore - Nagarcoil Express iv. Train No.22629/30 Tirunelveli - Dadar Weekly SF Express v. Train No.22621/22 Rameswaram - Kanniyakumari Express vi. Train No.16367/68 Kashi Tamil Sangam Express
	<p><u>Response:</u> The average tickets at Satur is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains.</p>

	<p>The stoppage at Satur for Train No.12633, 20605 and 22667/22668 was eliminated due to sustained poor patronage over the years.</p> <p>Train No.22629/22630 is provided stoppage at Kovilpatti and Virudunagar which is 21 Kms and 27 Kms respectively from Sattur. Providing stoppage for long distance trains at frequent intervals will slow down this highly patronized train and affect the Superfast nature of this train.</p> <p>Train No.22621/22662 Rameswaram – Kanniyakumari Tri-Weekly express is running to tight timings providing additional stoppage will affect the superfast nature of this train.</p>
10.0	<p>Request to restore the stoppages at Kovilpatti for the following trains:</p> <p>(i) Train No.12633 Chennai - Kanniyakumari Express (ii) Train No.20605 Chennai - Tiruchendur Express (iii) Train No.12667/68 Chennai - Nagarcoil Weekly Express (iv) Train No.16367/68 Kashi Tamil Sangam Express (v) Train No.22621/22 Rameswaram - Kanniyakumari Express (vi) Train No.20665/66 Vande Bharat Express</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The average tickets at Kovilpatti is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains.</p> <p>The stoppage at Kovilpatti for Train No.12633 and 22621/22622 was eliminated due to sustained poor patronage over the years.</p> <p>Moreover providing any additional stoppage will affect the superfast nature of this train.</p> <p>Train No.12667/12668 is provided stoppage at Sattur which is 21 Kms from Kovilpatti.</p> <p>Regarding stoppage of Train No.20665/20666 Chennai Egmore – Tirunelveli Vande Bharat Express, it is stated that this train is a semi high speed train intended for fast transit and its stoppage is to be decided by Railway Board.</p>
	<p><u>COMMERCIAL REQUEST :</u></p>
11.0	<p>Request to extend Train No. 16721/16722 Madurai-Coimbatore Express up to Tirunelveli as there is no train from Madurai to Tirunelveli in the evening/night 6 pm to 11.30 pm.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Train No. 16721/16722 Coimbatore - Madurai-Coimbatore Express runs in an integrated link and having primary maintenance at Madurai. The lie over time available is insufficient for its extension beyond Madurai.</p>
12.0	<p>Request to introduce additional trains to Coimbatore from Rameshwaram and Sengottai.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of Hon'ble MP is noted. Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board.</p>

13.0	Request to change the timings of Train No.16236 Express to reach Madurai around 0630 Hrs.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Change in timings of T.No. 16236 Mysore - Tuticorin Express to reach Madurai at 06.30 A.M is not feasible due to path constraints on the heavily congested Salem-Erode double line and Karur-Dindigul single line. This train comes as part of a convoy of Super fast trains from Karur. Hence the connectivity cannot be given for Train No. 16236 and train No. 06504 Madurai - Sengottai Exp. Spl at Madurai without adversely affecting the running of a large number of other trains.</p>
14.0	Request to extend Train No.16845/16846 Erode-Tirunelveli Express train to Sengottai via Pavurchatram with stoppages at important stations like Cheranmahadevi, Kallidaikuruchi, Ambasamudram and Tenkasi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train. No. 16845/16846 Erode-Tirunelveli-Erode Express (Daily) has been extended to Sengottai with effect from 24.01.2024.</p>
15.0	Request for introduction of Vande Bharat train from Madurai to Bengaluru.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Introduction of Vande Bharat is a policy matter comes under the purview of Railway Board.</p>
16.0	Request for conversion of weekly Express train (Nos.22630/22629) runs between Tirunelveli and Mumbai via Konkan Railway as daily Exp train between Tirunelveli and Mumbai, which is the shortest route to reach Mumbai.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train No.22629/22630 is an inter Railway train running in a common path with other non-daily trains. Hence it is feasible only to run this train as a weekly service.</p>
17.0	Request to reintroduce Tirunelveli - Tambaram weekly special via Tenkasi Junction as it used to run earlier.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. Tirunelveli- Tambaram Weekly Train on demand special via: Tenkasi was operated with Lie-over rake of other weekly train which is having a compo of 22 coaches, due to load restriction (17 coaches) in Tirunelveli - Tenkasi section, it is not feasible to operate this train on train.</p>
18.0	Request to run Tirunelveli - Bengaluru Special via Tenkasi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP is noted. Special trains are operated based on commercial demand and availability of resources.</p>

19.0	Request to increase the number of coaches in Train No.16847/16848 Sengottai - Mayiladuthurai express to 21 by adding Chair car and Executive Chair car coaches and extending the train upto Tambaram.
	<u>Response:</u> The rake of the train is in integrated link with other trains running in passenger trains. The lie over available at Mayiladuthurai is insufficient to extend the train to Tambaram.
20.0	Request to increase number of coaches to 24 from the existing 17 by adding more SL coaches in Train No.20681 Silambur Express
	<u>Response:</u> Train No.20681/82 Chennai Egmore - Sengottai - Chennai Egmore Silambu Superfast Express has a load of 17 coaches at present and due to Platform constraints at Chennai Egmore, increasing the number of coaches is not feasible at present.
21.0	Request for converting Train No.06029/30 Tirunelveli - Mettupalayam weekly special express to regular weekly express with permanent train numbers.
	<u>Response:</u> Special trains are being operated based on commercial demand and operational feasibility. However, the request is noted. Train. No. 06030/06029 Tirunelveli - Mettupalayam (Weekly) TOD special is extended from 05.02.24 to 01.04.24 at present.
22.0	Request for converting Train Nos.20683/20684 Sengottai - Tambaram Tri-weekly SF Express to daily Express
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP was examined. Train No.20683/ 20684 Chennai Egmore– Sengottai Express shares common path with other non-daily trains and hence increase in frequency of Train No.20683/ 20684 Chennai Egmore– Sengottai Express from Tri -weekly to daily is not feasible.

Chapter – 5

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FROM STATE GOVERNMENT

(I) SUBWAYS SANCTIONED IN LIEU OF LEVEL CROSSING WITH COLLECTOR APPROVAL, BUT WORK HELD UP

Sl. No	LC No.	Railway Section	District	Remarks
Thoothukudi				
1	477 Chettiurani	Vanchi Maniyachchi- Tuticorin (MEJ-TIP Stations)	Tuticorin	<p>Completed in all respects, leaving 3rd approach road for an approximate length of 70m. As legal heir problem is involved for land owners situated along the sides of the road, Railway could not acquire required land and complete the 3rd approach road. Permission requested vide letter dated 11.05.2023 to close the opening leftover for third approach. (more than 5 year problem)</p> <p>Revenue Dept to solve the issue of ownership of Land to proceed with LA.</p>
Ramanathapuram				
2	494 (Landhai)	Manamadurai- Rameswaram (SQD- RMD Stations)	Ramanathapuram	<p>Public have agitated against construction of work demanding manned LC. Railway Official met District Collector on 05.05.2023 to provide necessary assistance for completing the works. ROB sanction was also done for around 17 cr. Peace committee meeting was conducted by Tahsildar / Ramanathapuram on 12.05.2023 and report awaited.</p> <p>Subway will be required even for ROB and District Administration to solve to complete the subway.</p>

Sl. No	LC No.	Railway Section	District	Remarks
Ramanathapuram				
3	21 Payyankulam	Manamadurai-Virudhunagar (Narikkudi-Tiruchuli Stations)	Virudhunagar	<p>Boxes casted. Public stopped the work and wanted skew alignment subway in existing road. For construction of approach portion, land acquisition is needed. Revised LPS submitted to District Administration on 29.09.2021. Administrative sanction accorded. 3/2 notification issued. Upon conducting enquiry, revenue Officials identified the land as Government land and considering for land transfer.</p> <p>Render District Administration's Co-operation.</p>
Tirunelveli				
4	66 Azhwar-kurichi	Tirunelveli-Tenkasi (KIB-AZK)	Tirunelveli	<p>All works completed leaving, raising of LHS approach road for 36m towards Senkanoor side and RHS approach road for 12 m length towards Alwarkurichi side. As Public have agitated against the execution of Subway works, demanding diversion of road on private land, the work got stopped.</p> <p>District administration is requested to sort out public agitation issues as in letter dated 12.09.2022. Reply still awaited.</p>

Sl. No	LC No.	Railway Section	District	Remarks
Dindigul				
5	20 Kothapuli	Dindigul-Pollachi (API-ODC)	Dindigul	Except 12.5m RHS side PLNI end, 12.7m Dindigul end, approach retaining wall work pending due to public agitation demanding road parallel to track within Railway Boundary. District administration assistance is required for registration.
Pollachi				
6	42 Viruppachi	Dindigul-Pollachi	Dindigul	For construction of approach portion, land acquisition is needed. Revised LPS submitted to District Administration on 09.09.2021. Payment made for land through private negotiation. Registration is being processed.

**(II) REVENUE DEPARTMENT HAS WITHDRAWN PERMISSION FOR SUBWAY
SANCTIONED IN LIEU OF LC**

Sl. No	LC No.	Railway Section	District	Remarks
Virudunagar				
1	10 & 11 Vadapalanji	Madurai- Bodinayakkanur (MDU-VAJ)	Madurai	<p>District Collector has given consent for diversion of the traffic from LC No.11 through LC 10. However, there is a demand from locals to keep LC 11. Earlier LC 10 was approved by District authorities for closure by constructing the Subway. LUS is completed in Railway portion. However, when subway construction was underway, District administration withdrawn the permission for closure of the LC No.10. Railways has advised Additional Chief Secretary/ Transport vide letter dated. 22.03.2023.</p> <p>District administration to render cooperation for solving this issue please.</p>

(III) ROB COMMISSIONED BUT LC COULD NOT BE CLOSED

Sl. No.	LC No.	Railway Section	District	Remarks
Sivaganga				
1	33 Manamadurai	Madurai – Manamadurai (MNM-TPC)	Sivaganga	<p>ROB has been commissioned and LC could not be eliminated. Hon'ble M.P is requested to intervene to facilitate provision of subway for which people are agitating and objecting.</p> <p>District Administration cooperation is solicited.</p>

2	420 Devakottai Road	Tiruchchirappalli – Manamadurai (DKO-KKDI)	Sivaganga	ROB Commissioned. As per MOU between Railway and NHAI, ROB opened to traffic but LC is not closed. District Collector's approval is required for closing the LC.
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(IV) ISSUES CONCERNING ENCROACHMENT

Sl. No.	Railway Location	District	Reason / Action taken
Madurai			
1	Madurai Station	Madurai	The railway land in front of the Madurai station premises has been encroached by some outsiders and constructed religious structures and it is highly a hindrance to the redevelopment of station work which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 26.05.2022. District Administration's Cooperation is requested.
Teni			
2	Andipatti – Teni – Bodinayakkanur section	Teni	19 Nos of encroachment (0.022814 Ha) evicted on 14.02.2023 & 15.02.2023 and 49 Nos of encroachment (0.124441 Ha) cleared on 28.04.2023 between Andipatti - Teni section. District Administration is requested to render their co-operation for clearing the remaining 608 Nos encroachments at this section on 28.04.2023.

Sl. No.	Railway Location	District	Reason / Action taken
Sivaganga			
3	Manamadurai Station	Sivaganga	<p>Form A & B served to 73 nos. of encroachment at Manamadurai Station premises during the year 2017 & due to the agitation of dwellers and non-co-operation of State Government authorities, it could not be achieved.</p> <p>Eviction was planned to conduct on 29.01.2022, 30.01.2022, 12.02.2022, 15.03.2022, 25.08.2022, 28.09.2022 & 29.09.2022, however due to the request of the District Administration seeking time to rehabilitate them, eviction couldn't be initiated.</p> <p>Meanwhile Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High court has given order to issue fresh show-cause notice to the encroachers vide W.P.(MD)No. 19051&19054 of 2022 date 03.11.2022. Based on that fresh Form 'A' & 'B' issued to the encroachers.</p> <p>As such, eviction was planned to conduct on 16.03.2023 & 17.03.2023 and 11.05.2023 & 12.05.2023 However, Superintendent of Police, Sivaganga has requested to postpone the eviction.</p> <p>District Administration is requested to render their co-operation.</p>

Sl. No.	Railway Location	District	Reason / Action taken
Thoothukudi			
4	Virudhunagar – VanchiManiyachchi Section	Thoothukudi	<p>Form A & B served to 30 nos of encroachment between Virudhunagar – VanchiManiyachchi section during the year 2012 & due to the agitation of dwellers and non-co-operation of State Government authorities, it could not be achieved. Further, the District Collector, Tuticorin is requested to give necessary support and possible dates to conduct eviction vide this office letter dated 21.02.2022, 11-08-2022 and 23.11.2022.</p> <p>District Collector/ Thoothukkudi advised to DRO/Thoothukkudi and RDO/Kovilpatti for rendering their co-operation and to communicate feasible date for eviction to railways vide letter dated 08.03.2023.</p>
Tirunelveli			
5	Tirunelveli – Tiruchendur Section	Thoothukudi	<p>Form A & B served to 9 nos of encroachment between Tirunelveli – Tiruchendur section during the year 2014 & due to the agitation of dwellers and non-co-operation of State Government authorities, it could not be achieved. Further, the District Collector, Tuticorin is requested to give necessary support and possible date to conduct eviction vide this office letter dated 21.02.2022, 11-08-2022 & 23.11.2022.</p> <p>District Collector/ Thoothukkudi advised to DRO/Thoothukkudi and RDO/Kovilpatti to render their co-operation and communicate feasible date for eviction to railways vide letter dated. 08.03.2023.</p>

(V) ISSUES CONCERNING TANGEDCO (Electricity Board)

Sl. No.	Railway Location	District	Reason / Action taken
Thoothukudi			
1	Kovilpatti	Tuticorin	<p>1.The HT transformer is located in the newly proposed circulating area which is affecting the passenger free movement. Hence it needs to be shifted from that location.</p> <p>2.11 kV UG cable is passing under the track & connecting both side of High Tension transformer which is affecting the construction of new station building. Hence it needs to be shifted from that location.</p> <p>The Railway electrical department has requested TNEB Executive Engineer/Kovilpatti vide No. ABSS/CVP dated 30.11.2023 to relocate the above HT transformer & 11 KV UG cable.</p>
