

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1105
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

PROTEST FOR PROVIDING SERVICES BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY

1105 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the public representatives in the Delta region of Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam districts have staged a protest against the step-motherly attitude of the Southern Railway in providing services to the region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways would restore Rameswaram Express, Nagore Andavar Express and Kamban Express via Thiruvarur, to meet public demand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1105 BY SHRI M. SHANMUGAM ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 10.02.2023 REGARDING PROTEST FOR PROVIDING SERVICES BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(a) & (b): On 28.11.2022, the Communist Party of India (CPI)/ Thiruvarur District and other Political Parties such as Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), Vidhuthalai Chiruthaikal Katchi (VCK), Indian National Congress (INC), Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK), Rail Users Association from Thiruvarur, Nagore/ Nagapattinam, Muthupet, Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce/ Nagapattinam, Trade Unions of Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur Districts etc. conducted agitation at (1) Nannilam Railway Station in Thiruvarur-Mayiladuthurai section (2) Muthupet Railway station in Thiruvarur-Karaikkudi section (3) Level Crossing Gate No. 23 at Km. no. 37/300-400 between Nidamangalam (NMJ)-Koradachery Railway stations in Thiruvarur-Thanjavur section and (4) Kizhvelur Railway station in Thiruvarur-Nagapattinam section, to protest against Central Government and Railway administration for their demands.

(c) to (e): Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur stations are presently being served by 5 and 8 pairs of Mail/ Express trains which are in addition to the 8 pairs of Passenger special trains. Besides, Indian Railways also operate special trains to clear extra passenger traffic during festivals, peak seasons, holidays etc. At present, there is no proposal to restore Rameswaram Express, Nagore Andavar Express and Kamban Express via Thiruvarur. However, introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.
