

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2567  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2019**

**STOPPAGE OF TRAINS**

**2567. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that lakhs of pilgrims visit Tiruvannamalai for Darshan of Arunachaleswar Temple and Circumambulation of the Holy Hill (Girivallam);**
- (b) whether the nearest stoppage for Tiruvannamalai is Kathpadi and which are 80 kilometers away from the city;**
- (c) if so, the reasons for not halting Pudduchery-Howrah Express at Tiruvannamalai Station; and**
- (d) the time by when instructions will be issued to stop Pudduchery-Howrah Express at Tiruvannamalai for the benefit of pilgrims coming to Tiruvannamalai?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (d) Tiruvannamalai station, which caters to pilgrims/passengers desirous of visiting the Arunachaleswar Temple, is presently being well served by 12 Mail/Express and 6 Passenger (in single) trains. Further, 12867/12868 Howrah-Puducherry Express, the only train presently not having a scheduled stoppage at Tiruvannamalai, is a long distance train with limited stoppages en-route. Proliferation of stoppages en-route this service will not only decelerate the train but also cause inconvenience to the through passengers.**

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