

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 374
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

TRAINS TO TIRUVARUR-KARAIKUDI SECTION

374. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether express trains will running or be extended to Tiruvarur-Karaikudi section;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) With a view to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways discontinued the regular passenger train services w.e.f. 23.03.2020 and presently only special trains are being operated keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of State Governments. Owing to operational and resource constraints, introduction of train services on Thiruvarur-Karaikkudi sector is not feasible, at present. However, introduction of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.