

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

RAIL CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THOOTHUKUDI AND MUMBAI

646. SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the significant demand for improved rail connectivity between Thoothukudi and Mumbai by extending the Lokmanya Tilak Express (Train No. 11043/11044) to Thoothukudi or introducing a new direct train service;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the expected timeline for the introduction of this service; and**
- (d) whether the Government plans to take any other measures to improve rail connectivity to Thoothukudi and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) At present, Mumbai – Tuticorin sector is being served by 19567/19568 Tuticorin - Okha Vivek Express. To facilitate the passengers of Tuticorin, Indian Railways have introduced 16765/16766 Mettupalayam-Tuticorin Express (Bi-weekly) w.e.f 19.07.2024 and extended the service of 16791/16792 Tirunelveli-Palakkad Palaruvi Express upto Tuticorin w.e.f 15.08.2024. Besides, introduction of new trains and extension of train services are an on-going processes on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc.
