

Introduction of a new train between Kuppam and Bangalore

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, Kuppam town, which is located between Bangalore and Madras is fast growing into a major centre. The passenger traffic from Kuppam to Bangalore and parts of Tamil Nadu is increasing day by day, in view of the development activities in and around Kuppam, such as establishment of the Dravidian University, medical college, engineering college, International School, Food Park, Transfer of Israeli Technology Park, etc. Therefore, there is a need to have a train leaving Kuppam in the morning hours, that is, around 8 a.m. daily, to Bangalore, as other trains leave Kuppam very early in the morning. Likewise, there is a need to have a train that leaves Bangalore at 5 p.m. daily and reaches Kuppam at 7 p.m.

I request, through you, the Union Minister of Railways to introduce a new train, preferably, a MEMU service daily, between Kuppam and Bangalore, as per the above time schedule. An early action will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY (Nominated): Sir, I associate myself with this Special Mention.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I too associate myself with this Special Mention.

Threat to Eco-System in Pondicherry

SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the Swadeshi Cotton Mill is an old textile mill in Pondicherry. In the complex, there are about 2,260 trees, and as many as 184 species of plants, and several varieties of birds, insects and reptiles, in an area of 26 acres. This is facing a threat due to the dumping of garbage and the resulting pollution that is caused to the forest region. The Government of Pondicherry is yet to notify the areas in Pondicherry which have a natural forest cover. The area was not disturbed for a long time. But now, a court complex is coming up. An area of over 5 acres of land was cleared, by removing over 500 trees, for this purpose. This fact was brought to the notice of the Ministry of