

operations. Developing a container terminal here would provide seamless freight movement, enhance industrial supply chains, and facilitate exports, particularly, for Haryana's thriving automotive, textile and agricultural industries. Furthermore, this initiative would help decongest Delhi, which currently bears the overwhelming load of cargo and logistics traffic. Establishing a cargo hub in Bhiwani would reduce transportation costs, improve efficiency, and attract major investments in warehousing, logistics, and ancillary industries.

I urge upon the Government to conduct a detailed feasibility study and allocate necessary resources to transform Bhiwani airstrip made by Ch. Bansi Lal into a state-of-the-art cargo terminal. This step will strengthen Haryana's economy, create jobs and position India as a global trade leader while reducing logistical bottlenecks in the National Capital Region.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI): The hon. Member, Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), associated himself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Shrimati Kiran Choudhry.

Shri Babubhai Jesangbhai Desai; not present. Now, Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla on 'Request to increase the frequency of Train No. 16861/62 Puducherry—Kanyakumari Weekly Express to a daily service.'

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SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I rise to draw the attention of this august House to the urgent need to increase the frequency of Train No. 16861/62 Puducherry—Kanyakumari Weekly Express to a daily service. This train, inaugurated on 18th July 2013, is a crucial mode of transport connecting key pilgrimage and heritage cities in Tamil Nadu, such as Chidambaram, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Karaikudi, and Tirunelveli, as well as the Union Territory of Puducherry. The train covers over 11 districts and one Union Territory, serving thousands of passengers daily. Its average occupancy exceeds 150% in both directions, highlighting the overwhelming demand for this service. Despite operating for over 10 years with such high occupancy, the frequency of this train has not been increased, causing significant inconvenience to passengers. This route holds immense cultural, religious, and economic importance, connecting cities of historical and spiritual relevance. By operating only once a week, the service remains inadequate to meet the growing demand of residents, students, and pilgrims. The people of Tamil Nadu

and Puducherry have repeatedly requested that this weekly train be converted into a daily service to address their transportation challenges.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government and the hon. Minister of Railways to take necessary steps to increase the frequency of the Puducherry—Kanyakumari Weekly Express to a daily service. This will ensure better connectivity, ease the travel burden on thousands of commuters, and promote regional development. Thank you, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla: Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala) and Shri A. A. Rahim (Kerala).

Now, Shri Mohammed Nadimul Haque; not present. Shri Masthan Rao Yadav Beedha; not present. Now, Shri Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba.

Need for establish an AIIMS Hospital in Rural Area of Manipur

SHRI MAHARAJA SANAJAOBA LEISEMBA (Manipur): Sir, within a short span of time, there are around 25 AIIMS Hospitals established at different regions of the country. This is a remarkable achievement of the NDA Government led by the hon. Prime Minister. To meet the health care requirements of 140 crore Indians, we need establishment of medical institutes like AIIMS in all corners of the country to extend inclusive health care facilities to remote and rural areas of the country. This will enable the rural poor people to access affordable and quality medical care. The present medical infrastructure in Manipur is also inadequate in comparison with population. Beside this, due to lack of expertise, hundreds of patients are going outside the State for medical treatment thereby facing economic hardships. By establishing an AIIMS Hospital in Manipur, quality and affordable healthcare facilities could be provided to the needy and poor rural people of the State. The institute can be a referral hospital for the entire region and specific research on cancer which is very rampant in the State and also complex diseases could be treated.

So, I urge upon the Union Government to establish a full-fledged AIIMS hospital in rural area of Manipur to address the health-care needs of the poor rural people of Manipur. Thank you, Sir.