

Mangalore Express to be extended to Nagercoil

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TIRUNELVELI: The Mangalore-Thiruvananthapuram Express will be extended to Nagercoil and the formal inauguration of Tirunelveli-Hapa Express service will take place shortly, Union Minister of State for Railways E. Ahmed said.

The Minister was here on the way to attend a couple of functions at Kayalpattinam in Tuticorin district on Tuesday. During his brief stopover at Tirunelveli railway station, he told reporters that the United Progressive Alliance government, after returning to power at the Centre, had announced the operation of 71 new trains to various destinations and the formal inauguration of these trains was

taking place in a phased manner.

The waiting hall for upper class passengers in Tirunelveli station would be inaugurated soon. "Since Tirunelveli is an important junction in these parts, we plan to provide many facilities and connect it with other parts of the country with many trains," Mr. Ahmed said. Tirunelveli MP S. Ramasubbu, former MP Khader Moldeen, and Divisional Railway Manager (Madurai) Anil Singhal received the Minister at the railway station.

Mr. Singhal said that a proposal to establish a foot overbridge with lift facility at Tirunelveli junction, costing about Rs. 4.50 crore, had been forwarded to the Railway Board.