13-02-2023 Train stoppage schedule as per pre-covid time and redeveloping the Railway Stations. SPECIAL MENTION (ZERO HOUR) Devarayalu, Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Railway Station Trains Stoppage Railway Development

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SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET): Sir, this is an important issue. Not only the Opposition Members but the Members from Treasury Benches will also agree with me. The other day the Railway Minister was mentioning about the redevelopment of Railway Stations and platforms and everything but what is point in redeveloping the Railway Stations unless the trains stop there. I can give you one example. In my Constituency, there is a Piduguralla Railway Station. Before pandemic, 17 trains used to stop in the Piduguralla Railway Station while plying from Secunderbad to Guntur and similarly, 17 trains used to stop from Guntur to Secunderbad. But, now, after COVID-19, it has come down to ten trains in one direction and in the other direction, only seven trains are stopping. It is less than half of the trains that were used to stop earlier. So, what is the point of redeveloping the Railway Stations by the Railway Minister when the train does not stop. So, it is not my request but everyone?s request of this House that to go back on it and make sure that all the trains that were having stoppages earlier should be stopped especially in my Constituency Piduguralla.

Thank you, Sir.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: ?Zero Hour? is over now.

PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM): Sir, as regards the way you have allowed Zero Hour today, you have created a record. ? (Interruptions)