

Regarding stoppage of train at Ottappalam and Pattambi in Kerala- laid

SHRI V. K. SREEKANDAN (PALAKKAD): It has been a demand for the stoppage of Ernakulam-Bangalore-Ernakulam Intercity Express at Ottappalam as this is the only daytime train running between Kerala and Bangalore, for which, ladies and children travelling to and from Bangalore prefer to travel by this train because of security reasons. The people are now compelled to travel to Palakkad which is 32 km away from Ottappalam to board this train. It has also been a demand for the stoppage of Kannur - Ernakulam Intercity Express at Pattambi. Pattambi is a well-known commercial centre in Kerala and is a thickly populated municipality too. There are hundreds of people visiting to and departing from Pattambi daily. If a stoppage for the said train is provided, it will be a boon for railways to earn more revenue and at the same time it will be a great help to the people of Pattambi or people visiting Pattambi. Both these stations come under Palakkad Division of Southern Railway. I have been raising this issue at all the forums available to me, but a decision on the above is yet to come. I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to provide stoppage for the said trains at Ottappalam and Pattambi urgently.