

Regarding restoration of train stoppages in railway stations in Kerala

SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN (VADAKARA): Sir, I would like to raise a matter relating to the suspended stoppage of trains at many railway stations in Kerala after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now the situation has changed and normalcy is restored but the suspended stoppages are not restored at many railway stations. Also, many problems faced by the train passengers while travelling in Kerala are not addressed. On the fourth of this month, two female students travelling in Parasuram Express fell unconscious in a suffocating stampede. Due to the uncontrollable rush, the train passengers in Kerala have been facing a miserable journey after the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to insufficient number of trains, many passengers have to rely on the same train both in the morning and in the evening. Holding up trains, including the passenger trains, to allow other trains to pass causes physical inconvenience to the passengers and also makes it difficult for them to reach the schools, workplaces, and to attend to other needs on time.

Due to the Sabarimala pilgrim season and the Christmas holidays, there will be rush of passengers from the neighbouring States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and also from the metro cities like Delhi and Mumbai to Kerala.

I, therefore, request the hon. Railway Minister to sanction more passenger and special trains from the metro cities to avoid rush during the Christmas, Sabarimala pilgrim and new year seasons. Thank you.