

Title: Need to run Thiruvananthapuram Rajdhani Express train running

between Nizamuddin and Thiruvananthapuram daily - Laid.

Shri Ramesh Chennithala (Mavelikara) : There is urgent need to increase the service of the Thiruvananthapuram Rajdhani Express, which is now operating between Nizamuddin and Thiruvananthapuram twice a week. This train, which runs through different destinations including Goa and New Bombay (Punvell), taking the shortest route via Konkan region, is a blessing for a large section of people living in or visiting for picnic the intermediary places. Various business centres lie on the route of the abovesaid train: Thus, for the common man, visitors and the business community, this train is most suitable. Due to this factor, there is always overcrowding in this train. While some get accommodation in the train, majority of the people are left in lurch. Often they are forced to look out for alternative means to reach the destination or to reschedule their programme incurring time and pecuniary losses in the process. On a number of occasions they fall a prey to the hooligans and blackmarketees of tickets. I, therefore, request the Union Government to increase service of this train.