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Title: Need to concur with the proposal of the Government of Kerala to change the name of Pattikkad Railway Station to Poonthanam Railway Station.

SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR (CALICUT): At present, there is a small halt station named 'PATTIKKAD' between Angadippuram and Melattur Railway Stations in Somur – Nilambur section. The ancestral home of late poet Brahmashree Poonthanam Namboodiripad (Poonthanam Illam) is about three kilometres from this Railway Station. The village is named 'POONTHANAM'. In response to the popular public demand, the then Nayanar Government had made a recommendation to the Ministry of Home Affairs to rename Pattikkad Railway Station as Poonthanam Railway Station to commemorate the sacred memory of Poonthanam Namboothiripad famed for his devotional poems which enriched Malayalam literature. However, the matter is pending with the Ministry of Home Affairs for the last three years and no decision has been taken to approve this popular demand. Usually, Central Government endorses such recommendations of the State Governments.

This region is fast developing into an important academic zone with Medical College and Engineering College. Besides that, the Guruvayur Devasthanam is promoting cultural renaissance in this area.

I, therefore, request the Government to kindly concur with the proposal of the State Government to change the name of Pattikkad Railway Station to Poonthanam Railway Station at an early date.

प्रो. रसा सिंह रावत (अजमेर) : स्भापति महोदया, मैं आपके माध्यम से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि नियम 377 में संसद सदस्य बहुत महत्वपूर्ण विषय उठाते हैं। इनके जवाब सरकार की तरफ से अवश्य प्राप्त होने चाहिए। पिछले सत्र में भी माननीय सदस्यों ने कई प्रश्न उठाए थे, जिनके उत्तर अभी तक प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं।

स्भापति महोदया, मेरी आपसे प्रार्थना है कि सरकार इस बारे में निर्देशित करे कि नियम 377 के अंतर्गत उठाए मैटर्स के उत्तर माननीय सदस्यों को शीघ्र प्राप्त हों।

14.30 hrs.