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Title: Need to take steps to stop the move to bifurcate the existing Palakkad Railway Division-laid.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): A year ago there was a proposal by the Ministry of Railways to create a new Railway Division at Salem. During the discussions regarding this proposal in the Parliament, the Hon'ble Railway Minister had assured that the new proposed Railway Division at Salem will be created by taking route kilometers in a justified manner from all nearby railway divisions like Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, Bangalore as well as Palakkad. But, recently, the Railway Ministry had given a proposal to bifurcate the existing Palakkad Railway Division, not even taking a single route kilometer from the nearby railway divisions. After this bifurcation, the oldest Palakkad Railway Division will be having around 400 route kilometers only. This move will adversely affect the future existence of oldest Palakkad Railway Division.

So, I urge upon the Government to stop immediately all the steps taken to bifurcate the existing Palakkad Railway Division.