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Title: Need to re-schedule and reduce the travel timings of "Rani Chennamma Express" between Bangalore & Belgaum.

SHRI SURESH ANGADI (BELGAUM): There is an express train namely "Rani Chennamma Express" which runs Between Bangalore and Belgaum in Karnataka. From Bangalore it leaves at 9 PM and reaches Belgaum next day morning by 9.30 or 10 AM taking a journey duration of 12 hours or more.

This railway between Bangalore and Belgaum was earlier metre-gauge and it has been converted into broad-gauge line. However, even when this line was metre-gauge, the journey duration was same as 12 hours or more defeating the purpose of gauge conversion. It was highly expected by people of Belgaum that this gauge conversion would shorten the journey duration between Bangalore and Belgaum.

As this train reaches Belgaum at 9.30 or 10 AM in the morning, by then all the business establishments, institutions, offices have already opened. Because of this timing the business people, office goers and students are facing a lot of difficulties. Therefore, the rescheduling the train by leaving Bangalore at 9 PM and reaching Belgaum by 6 AM in the morning, would be highly helpful to the people of Belgaum.

Sir, through you, I request the Hon'ble Railway Minister to consider to shorten the journey duration of the "Rani Chennamma Express" and rescheduling the timings of the train, in the public interest.