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Title: Need to ensure hassle free journey on Konkan Railways during Monsoon Season.

SHRI MOHAMMED E.T. BASHEER (PONNANI): I would like to draw the attention of this august House to a very important issue pertaining to the difficulties faced by the passengers of the Konkan Railways.

Madam, after the on set of this monsoon, the rail travel through Konkan Railway has become a miserable experience. Every day there is some problem like stoppage of train, cancellation of train, etc. Due to many reasons, it has become a regular phenomena. There is a continuous cancellation of trains. For example, on one particular day, namely, Sunday, the 25th July, 2010, 13 long distance trains were cancelled. Some of the trains were Kurla Mangalore-Mathsya Gandha Express, Mangalore-Kurla Express, Ernakulam-Jaipur Express, Ernakulam-Madgavu Express, Kurla-Kochuveli Garib Rath Express, etc. So, the cancellation of train has become a problem. Family members of passengers, women and children are endlessly waiting for alternative conveyance. Some reports say that even two days back, 12 trains were cancelled. Even today some Malayalam papers have reported that it may take days together to get it repaired. You can see how deplorable is the situation. We can very well understand the difficulty of the passengers. The passengers are forced to take alternative conveyance. This has become a regular thing. I urge upon the Government to take it very seriously. The Konkan Railway is a very important railway connectivity between Mangalore and Mumbai. We have to solve this problem. We have to reinforce the railway track and do whatever is required.

I would request the Government to take urgent necessary action to bring things back to normalcy. I think the Government will take it very seriously.

MADAM SPEAKER: Shri P.T. Thomas associated himself with the matter raised by Shri E.T. Mohammed Basheer.