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Title : Need to extend train No. 6517/6518 to Yeshvantpur and Karwar via Mangalore and also to extend Mumbai Karwar train upto Mangalore in Karnataka.

SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE (UTTAR KANNADA): The approval has been given by the IRTTC during its meeting held at Bangalore on the 27th to 29th January, 2009 to extend the train No. 6517/6518 from Yeshvantpur to Karwar via Mangalore. But it has been diverted to Kannur

The people of Coastal Karnataka feel that they have been deprived of their right and have been totally ignored by the Indian railways. It is quite visible that the said train is extended upto Kannur without any approval of IRTTC. In the last Railway Budget the Ministry of Railways had announced to introduce a new train between Mumbai and Karwar, to address the problems of people of Karnataka.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to extend the same night train No. 6517/6518 upto Karwar from Mangalore junction as decided at the IRTTC meeting and the Mumbai-Karwar train be extended upto Mangalore.