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Title : Need to augment Calicut bound train services and construct a Pit Line at West Hill in Kerala.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): I have been requesting for the extension of Train No. 6517 presently terminating at Kannur to Calicut which will help better connectivity to Bangalore, besides a Pit Line at West Hill (Calicut). The immediate starting of the announced Calicut-Trivandrum Jan Shatabdi express, introduction of Coimbatore-Calicut Inter-City Express with the rake of Train No. 6343 (Amrita Express) and another train between Calicut-Mangalore are essential.

Similarly, the longest train journey from Delhi is perhaps to destinations in Kerala. Most of the time, the Kerala bound trains run to their full capacity and at time passengers find it difficult to even have confirmed reservations.

Therefore, the current weekly trains should be properly synchronised so that there is one additional train every day on both the routes i.e. Vijayawada and Konkan to Kerala.

The Railways should also rise to the occasion to provide safety and comforts to the travelling passengers by providing additional policemen, better food and proper maintenance of the compartments and also good coaches which is presently lacking.