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Title: Regarding running of train upto Karwar by split coach arrangement in Dakshinna Kannada Parliamentary Constituency, Karnataka.

*SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL (DAKSHINA KANNADA): Thank you sir for giving me the opportunity to raise a very important issue pertaining to extend the rail connectivity upto Karwar. At the outset I would like to congratulate Hon. Minister for Railways for extending the day train service between Yeshwantpur-Mangalore (train No.6515-16) upto Karwar. It was a long pending dream of the people of this area. It has not fully satisfied our people as this train runs only three days in a week. This is not so helpful.

My people have been dreaming of having a train between Yeshwantpur -Mangalore and Karwar, for decades. The night service train was introduced

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between Mangalore-Yeshwantpur. Since then there has been a demand for extension of this train upto Karwar. This would provide direct rail connectivity to many religious places in the coastal Karnataka region like Udupi, Kundapur, Bhatkala, Murudeshwara, Kumuta, Gokarna and cities like Hasan, Mysore and Bengaluru.

There has been rapid industrialisation of coastal Karnataka. Towns and cities in this area are growing fast. Everyday large number of people, students, businessmen are commuting between Bengaluru and coastal towns. As of now, there is no direct rail connectivity on this route. Keeping this in view, the southwestern railway has submitted a memorandum to the Railway Board during the Internal Railway Timetable Conference on 27th September 2009 seeking the extension of the train between Yeshwantpur and Mangalore (Train No.6517-18) upto Karwar. The Chief Transport Manager has given his approval to it. But in the Railway Budget for the year 2009 this railway line was extended upto Kannur in Kerala instead of Karwar in Karnataka. This has disappointed the people of this area as they have lost an opportunity to travel to the state capital Bengaluru by spending less money.

Now the southwestern railway has submitted a new proposal to the Railway Board. As per this proposal the existing night service train on the railway line between Yeshwantpur-Mangalore-Kannur should be delinked at Mangalore. So that one train with 10 boggies can run to Karwar also. This would be helpful to the people of both Karnataka and Kerala.

Hence, on behalf of people of coastal Karnataka region. I urge upon the Hon. Minister for Railways to take immediate steps to sanction approval for this new proposal to run a train on the Yashwantpur-Mangalore-Karwar railway line and do justice to the people of this area.