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Title: Need to upgrade Calicut Railway Station in Kerala as a world class station.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): The then Hon'ble Railway Minister in her budget of 2009-2010 had agreed for elevating the Calicut railway station as a World Class Station. But the work of the same has not begun even remotely. It is understood that the Railways is contemplating to bring in international players for designing etc at exorbitant fee which is the main delay for starting the work.

It is suggested that instead of going for international architects, the local architects experienced in ethnic designs should be considered so that the regional outlook is maintained and at the same-time international conveniences are available at lesser cost.

It is, therefore, requested that the Hon'ble Railway Minister may kindly consider awarding the work to domestic experts who can retain the local architecture of the region as well as be able to start the work immediately at a lesser cost.