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Title: Need to run Rajyarani Express between Nilambur Road and Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): The Nilambur Road-Thiruvananthapuram Link Rajyarani Express was announced in the Railway Budget for 2011-2012 owing to the huge demand from the people of Malappuram and Wayanad districts in Kerala as they do not have adequate direct train connectivity to the state capital Thiruvananthapuram. Despite being numbered as No. 16349/16350 and included in the Southern Zone Time Table 2011, which was released on 1st July 2011, the formal announcement of the inaugural run of this much awaited service is yet to be made. The people of Wayanad and Malappuram suffer from lack of basic transport facilities and the delay in commencing the Rajyarani train service will add to the woes of the people hoping to experience better transport facilities with quicker connectivity to the capital city.

Rajyarani Express services in other routes like Mysore-Bangalore, Sawantwadi-Dadar have started operations in July itself and Rajya Rani Express between Nilambur Road and Thiruvananthapuram is still waiting a formal inaugural run. As this service is a 'Link Express' which required only 14 to 16 coaches (both ways), this can be easily run before Ramzan/Onam holidays. I would urge the Government to take all necessary steps so that the Nilambur Road-Thiruvananthapuram Link Rajyarani Express can commence its operations from this forthcoming Ramzan/Onam holidays in the interest of the public.