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Title: Need to provide additional stoppages for Express trains running between Ratnagiri and Madgaon sections of the Konkan railway in Maharashtra.

SHRI NILESH NARAYAN RANE (RATNAGIRI-SINDHUDURG): I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Railways towards the plight of the people of Maharashtra Konkan, especially the people of Ratnagiri Sindhudurg due to lack of stoppages in the high density rail traffic routes between Ratnagiri and Madgaon section of the Konkan Railways. All the trains in the Konkan Railway plying to/from Kerala, Karnataka and Goa pass through Ratnagiri Sindhudurg, but no adequate stoppages are there in this section to cater to the needs of burgeoning rail commuters.

A weekly train namely, Porbander-Kochivelli Express, which was announced by Western railways to commence its services shortly does not have halt in Ratnagiri and Madgaon section. Besides, two proposed new trains in this year Railway Budget, namely Dadar – Tirunelveli Express and Happa-Madgaon Express on Konkan Railway route surprisingly have no halts between the Ratnagiri and Madgaon section of the Maharashtra Konkan region. This has caused a huge disappointment to the people of Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, for whom Konkan Railway is literally their lifeline.

I urge the Konkan Railway corporation to take this matter seriously and give stoppages to all Express trains running on Ratnagiri-Madgaon line in the interest of the people of Konkan.