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Title: Regarding development of Waltair Division under East Coast Railway.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Hon. Speaker, through you, I would like to bring it to the notice of the Government, especially the Ministry of Railways, that there is an immediate requirement to develop Harishchandrapuram, which is in my constituency, Srikakulam. Madam, had I got the chance to speak in the discussion on the Railway Budget, I would have put this matter over there. As I did not get a chance, I am mentioning it now.

HON. SPEAKER: All right.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU : Madam Speaker, in my constituency, there is a stretch of 150 kilometres of the National Highway which is a part of the Golden Quadrilateral connecting Chennai to Kolkata. On this 150 kilometres stretch, there is one railway station which is lying next to it. So, Harishchandrapuram station has got proper and excellent road connectivity. Also it is close to the coastal region. So, a lot of fishermen use this station to go to Vishakapatnam, which is the regional headquarters for the north Andhra Pradesh. Also students, patients and especially farmers and small time businessmen are also using this station. This is a very important station, which is located at a significant place in my constituency.

I would request the Government of India to develop this station on priority because this station was built during the time of the British. It has been many years and not a single change has been made to this station. So, there is a requirement to lift the height of the platform in this station because women and children still need to use stools to get into train. There are immediate requirements such as shelters, chairs and toilets in this station.

There is a requirement for the stoppage of three trains, namely, Visakhapatnam-Gunupur Express, Falaknuma Express and Prasanthi Express. There is also a requirement for booking centre. As there is no booking centre, people have to go to some other stations. टिकट्स लेकर के फिर से यहाँ आना पड़ता है। So, there is a reason to develop this Harishchandrapuram station, which is my Constituency of Srikakulam.