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Title: Need to provide additional bogies to Hampi Express Train No.16591/16592.

SHRI B. SRIRAMULU (BELLARY): Madam Speaker, Bellary District is famous for various tourists spots in which the heritage site and historical place called Hampi is located. It was the Capital city of the magnificent Vijayanagara Empire. Hampi was one of the glittering showpieces of India's might in the 15th century.

Every day thousands of foreign tourists visit this beautiful place Hampi and that helps generate foreign revenue for the country. But due to the poor railway connectivity, tourism sector has been badly affected and this place is still a long way from the reach of many tourists.

Therefore, I urge upon the hon. Railway Minister to provide additional coaches of Sleeper, 2AC and 3AC classes to Hampi Express Train (No.16591/16592) which is the only express train which passes through Bellary and travels between Bengaluru and Hubli. This has been a long pending demand of the people of this area and this will make it very convenient for the foreign tourists to visit this beautiful place in large numbers. There is a demand to start an intercity express between Bengaluru and Hampi and Hosapete.

During 2013-14 the Railway Minister ordered for Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for Bellary to Lingasugur *via* Siriguppa and Sindhanur. The survey is already completed and a report is submitted to the Railway Board for construction of a new railway line. Hon. Railway Minister has to take up the new railway line in the next budget because it was to come to Bellary to Gulbarga directly.

Work on Kottur to Hosapete line is very slow. The project is running late by six months causing a lot of inconvenience to the people of Bellary and Kottur. I would request the Railway Minister to kindly expedite this work. Thank you.

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