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Title: Need to introduce a new train between Hospet/Bellary to Gulbarga/Sholapur in Maharashtra.

SHRI B. SRIRAMULU (BELLARY): Madam, this is regarding introducing a new train between Hospet/Bellary to Gulbarga/Sholapur.

Following the extension of article 371, Hyderabad and Karnataka districts, namely, Bellary, Koppal, Raichur, Yadgir, Gulbarga and Bidar, all the divisional offices and regional offices are shifted to Gulbarga. The High Court Bench that was earlier there in Dharwad is also shifted to Gulbarga....(*Interruptions*)

Bellary and Koppal districts which were in Dharwad High Court Bench are shifted to Gulbarga. There is no direct train to Gulbarga from Hospet/Bellary. To cover the distance by road is a Herculean task as the distance to Gulbarga from Hospet is 400 Km., and from Bellary district border, it is 460 Km....(*Interruptions*)

Hence I appeal to the Railway Minister to introduce a direct train to Gulbarga/Sholapur. The train could leave Hospet by 10 p.m., Bellary at 11.30 p.m. to reach Gulbarga at 6 a.m. next morning *via* Guntakal and Raichur. Similarly, in its return journey, it could leave Gulbarga at 10 p.m., reach Bellary at 4.30 a.m. and Hospet at 6 a.m. That is all. Thank you, Madam. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri B. Sriramulu.