

Title: Request the Hon'ble Railway Minister to take action on the promptness and expansion of railway services and need to give priority to the local trains during peak hours in Kannur-Mangalore sector.

SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I thank you for the opportunity given to me. I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Railway Minister towards the most serious traffic conditions in Kannur-Managalore sector especially in my constituency, Kasargod because of the commissioning of Konkan line. Because of this the goods trains and long distance trains are affected and the local passengers suffer a lot. On several occasions, I have complained and given representations to the Railway authorities in this regard but this was of no avail.

We can understand the trains coming some hours late, but the trains passing through that section come late by a day. As a result of this, the employees and the patients who take these trains are suffering a lot. The employees come to Kasargod district from Kannur and Tellichery side. The people of that area and various social organisations are agitating for this. Railway authorities are giving priority to goods trains and long distance trains and the interests of local people are neglected.

I would request the hon. Railway Minister to take immediate action with regard to the following:

- (i) The running of 523 Kannur-Mangalore passenger train, with 13 coaches, may be prompted;
- (ii) The running of 528 Mangalore-Kannur down train may be expedited and more coaches should be provided with it;
- (iii) Priority should be given to the local trains during morning and evening peak hours;
- (iv) During peak hours goods trains and long distance trains passing through that sector should be restricted;
- (v) Crossing facilities should be provided on important sections and on sections where that facility is not available; and
- (vi) The doubling of Mangalore-Shoranur work should be completed speedily.

Thank you Sir.