

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding development of railways station in Koppal district, Karnatka.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA (KOPPAL): Sir, even though I have raised this matter yesterday, I would like to say a few words about it now.

I would like to thank Shri Narendra Modi ji, hon. Prime Minister and Shri Ashwini Vaishnav ji, hon. Minister of Railways for their keen personal interest in various developmental work in my parliamentary constituency, Koppal in Karnataka.

My constituency, Koppal, comes under Article 371(j) and is a backward district with over 18 large, six medium and over thousand small scale industries apart from about 150 rice mills. In 2021, the Government approved the toys manufacturing cluster which is coming up in an area of over 400 acres of land.

My constituency is surrounded by tourist as well as pilgrimage places which attracts tourists and devotees from nearby and far off places including tourists from abroad. Anjanadri Hills is a revered place which is believed to be the birth place of Lord Hanuman. The World Heritage Site for Happiness is a tourist as well as pilgrimage Centre which is situated in my constituency. Due to influx of tourists and pilgrims, the available facilities are insufficient causing inconvenience and discomfort.

Through you Sir, I would request the hon. Minister of Railways for upgrading the railway station at Gangavathi in Koppal with various facilities for the comfort of the visiting tourists and pilgrims which in turn will result in increasing the number of visitors and development of locally available trade and commerce. This would be highly appreciated.

I would also request for the following:

New 35 kilometre length railway line from Gangavathi to Daroji (It is very essential for trade and commerce purpose)

Restart of Kolapur-Hyderabad Express (Train No. 11303/11304 and Hubli-Tirupati Train No. 57273/57274)

Two new BG projects have to be completed within March, 2024, namely Gadag-Wadi and Munirabad to Mahabubnagar.

Start new trains between Ayodhya to Kishkinda, Gangavathi and Hubli to Bidar via Bellary under Vande Bharat Scheme.