

## **Regarding stoppage of trains at Kasargod Railway Station in Kerala-laid**

**SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN (KASARAGOD):** Kasargod is suffering mostly by due to the step-motherly attitude of the Railways towards the North Malabar. Most of the trains coming from South Kerala terminates at Kannur and thereby Kasaragod is isolated from the rest of Kerala. Most of the Konkan trains have no stoppage at Kasargod district. When the railway passengers of Kasargod ventilate their grievances and demand more trains, reinstating the suspended stops and to solve the train travel woes experienced in the district during evening and night time, the Railway rejects them citing poor patronage in the stations in Kasaragod. It is illogical to look at Kasargod district through the prism of revenue, since Mangalore is a central destination station, after Kannur in this region. Stops have been sanctioned at many other places where the income is less than the stations in Kasaragod where the stoppages have been refused. The stoppages were suspended during the Covid epidemic at many stations like Kanhangad, Payyannur, Payangadi, Kannapuram etc. Kumbala have 30 Acres unutilised land. These stoppages have not been reinstated despite many requests. Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to reinstate the suspended stoppages and to sanction the long-demanded stoppages at many stations having high passengers and good revenue.