

Need to introduce new express trains including Vande Bharat Express train from Kerala to different major cities of country-Laid

SHRI M. K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): I want to bring to the urgent attention of the Government regarding the train services in Kerala. It has been a decade since new Inter State daily passenger trains have been announced for Kerala. Since 2001, that is when Kannur Yeshwantpur train was announced, Malabar region of Kerala has not received a single daily interstate train except Mangalore Coimbatore intercity, which connects just neighboring cities. There is only Yeshwantpur Express train to Bangalore from Calicut, where lakhs of Keralites from the region work. In spite of having high revenue collections, total neglect is being shown with respect to number of trains to Kerala. I request the govt. to urgently sanction more express trains and Vande Bharat trains from Kerala to Bangalore, Goa Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi. An Intercity train from Kannur or from Kozhikode to Bangalore and Vande Bharat should also be sanctioned by introducing automatic signaling system considering the large number of passengers in the route.