

### **Regarding need to increase the capacity of trains**

**SHRI M. MALLESH BABU (KOLAR):** Sir, every day, around 25,000 to 30,000 people are travelling daily from KGF, Bangarpet and Malur taluks of my constituency, Kolar, to Bangalore for work and to colleges. The trains which are serving these people are running with 12 bogies, which are very crowded and passengers cannot travel comfortably even in standing position. This problem has been raised to the concerned officials at Bangalore, but no action has been taken.

I request the Minister to increase the number of bogies to 18 to make the journey of the commuters hassle-free.

There is one more issue. Kolar, being the district headquarters of my constituency, is not connected to Bangalore by a direct rail line. People have to travel to Bangarpet and catch a connecting train to Bangalore, which is time-consuming and hectic.

**14.05 hrs**

(Shri Krishna Prasad Tenneti *in the Chair*)

In this regard a project was sanctioned and a survey was done in 2012 for laying a new railway line from Kolar to Whitefield Junction *via* Narsapur and Hoskote, which is a stretch of 52.9 kilometres. I urge the Ministry to expedite the implementation of the approved project, which is pending for the past 13 years.