

Title: Need to restore rail services between Shoranur and Calicut sector in Kerala-Laid.

SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD) : I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the major train accident occurred at Kadalundi railway bridge near Calicut in Kerala recently.

Since the Hon'ble Railway Minister was present at the site, I need not explain the grave situation after the incident. Six train compartments fell in the river. About 50 passengers lost their lives and more than 200 rail passengers injured seriously. Still, rail journey between Shoranur and Calicut sector has not been restored. There is no difficulty for the long distance trains like Mangala Express and Rajdhani Express to reach upto Calicut in Kerala through Konkan route. Railway is the main source of passengers and goods movement in the State.

It is learnt that it will take another month to restore the rail movement. Railway passengers are facing great difficulties due to this delay. I would request the Government to give necessary instructions to the authorities to complete the repair of Kadalundi rail bridge and restore the train services immediately.