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Title : Need to set up a new railway zone in Kerala.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): Sir, this is a very serious matter. It is regarding people of Kerala. There is a widespread apprehension and anxiety among the people throughout Kerala. Immediately after the announcement made by the hon. Railway Minister in this very House, we know that the Railway Ministry is going to bifurcate Palakkad Division and going to set up the new Salem Division. We are not against the interests of the people of Tamil Nadu; they are our friends and Tamil Nadu is our neighbouring State. ...(*Interruptions*) Our plea is that the biggest Palakkad Division might be continued as at present.

MR. SPEAKER: Please be brief; it is not the time for making speeches.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : There is a long-pending demand of Kerala. I request the Minister to create a separate Railway Zone, centrally in Kerala. If the Government is setting up a new Division, there should be a new Zone, centrally for Kerala.

MR. SPEAKER: Okay; it is no good repeating it.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : It is a very serious matter and an important one. We want an assurance from the Government. All the Members of Parliament from Kerala are supporting this. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri P.C. Thomas's name will be associated with this.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): I want to say one thing.

MR. SPEAKER: No. Nothing can be said.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing is being recorded. Why are you saying all this?

(*Interruptions*)* â€

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I have given a notice to raise the same issue.

MR. SPEAKER: No, you have not given any notice. I am going to be absolutely strict on this. Only those who have given their names will be allowed to be associated.

Okay, Shri Karunakaran, I am sorry; there is a mistake in noting it. So, Shri Karunakaran's name will be associated. Who else?

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): I have given a notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Yours is a little different. You have given a notice regarding shifting of the Office of the Chief Engineer, etc. This is something else. Please try to come prepared.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, I want to supplement one thing.

MR. SPEAKER: No. I would not allow it.

Shri Shailendra Kumar.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You have to wait for your turn. I know that the names are listed here; thirty hon. Members have given notices and if all of you try to have my attention, how can I do it?

...(*Interruptions*)

* Not Recorded.

MR. SPEAKER: I am requesting the hon. Members to be brief and to the point. One day, I have to think of abolishing this. Please mention the point quickly [\[R21\]](#).