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Title: Problems being faced by the people of Bellary district of Karnatak due to non-availability of railway facilities.

SHRI G. KARUNAKARA REDDY (BELLARY): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Union Government especially the Railway Ministry. My Parliamentary constituency, Bellary has been totally neglected by the Railways. Though the Railways are getting a revenue of about Rs. 1500 crore from Bellary, the interests of the people of the area have been neglected and they are facing a lot of difficulty. There is a train, namely the Amti Express, running between Hubli and Bangalore. I would like to request the Ministry of Railways for giving two more general compartments, five more sleeper coaches and two three-tier coaches.

Sir, I would also like to request that the Guntukkul – Gadak Passenger train which passes through Bellary, the timing of the train before gauge conversion was 7.35 a.m, but now the train departs Bellary at 5.20 a.m thus causing a great deal of inconvenience to the passengers. Everyday almost 300 people travel by that train.

Sir, I would also like to request the hon. Minister to run a train between Chennai to Mumbai *via* Bellary and from Mumbai to Chennai *via* Bellary.

I would also like to mention one important thing here. The LC-110 passes through the National Highway 63. Now, 90 per cent of the schools are located in that area and most of the times, the gates of the railway crossing are closed which is causing a great deal of inconvenience for the school children in particular. So, I would like to request the Government to construct a road over bridge in the area.