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Title: Need to provide stoppage of Kerala Express (New Delhi – Trivandrum) and Chennai–Trivandrum Express at Ottapalam Railway Station, Palakkad, Kerala.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the long pending demand of stoppage of two important trains at Ottapalam railway Station. The New Delhi-Trivandrum Kerala Express and Chennai-Trivandrum Mail are not having stoppage at Ottapalam. Both these trains, after leaving Palakkad have stoppage only at Thrissur. In the entire Palakkad district there is no other stoppage except the one at Palakkad junction. This has been causing difficulties to thousands of passengers who belong to the Western part of Palakkad district. These Passengers will have to get down either at Palakkad or at Thrissur and have to travel all the way by road. If a stoppage is allowed at Ottapalam to these trains, it will be of great help to thousands of passengers. This demand is being made for a long time, but Railway authorities are turning a blind eye to this genuine demand. Ottapalam is destination having a great historical importance and deserves a better consideration. Unfortunately railway authorities failed to acknowledge the importance of Ottapalam station.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to allow stoppage to the Kerala Express (New Delhi- Trivandrum) and Chennai-Trivandrum Mail at Ottapalam. I further demand that more funds should allotted to the development of Ottapalam Railway Station.