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Title: Need to take steps to restore the services of vendors at railway platforms in Palakkad division in Kerala.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): For over 6 months, the train passengers of Palakkad division have been experiencing difficulty in getting food materials while traveling due to stoppage of sale thereof on platform by vendors. This has affected the old and ailing commuters as they are unable to get any food material on reaching the trains on the platform since most of the trains halt not more than 2/3 minutes. On the other hand, the vendors have been in service for years together and they are engaged after proper periodical health check-ups. They depend on their job for their livelihood. With the curtailing of this service, not only the commuters but also the entire family of these vendors are now in distress. Apart from this, a large number of vendors have been arrested and charge sheeted.

I, therefore, urge that immediate steps should be taken to restore the train side vending and also withdraw all the cases registered against them.