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Title: Need to provide stoppage of various trains at Mavelikara railway station of Karnataka and to develop the said station as a model railway station.

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): The Sabarimala pilgrimage season has started from 17th November, 2011. Thousands of devotees of Lord Ayyappa throng Sabarimala from different parts of our country and abroad. The Railways provide halt of some long route trains at some selected stations for the convenience of the devotees and tourists every year but strangely Mavelikara railway station is always ignored. Mavelikara Railway Station has not been developed as a model railway station and lacks even the minimum basic facilities. There are three railway platforms at this station but these platforms have not been connected by foot over bridge because of which people particularly old aged and children are facing a lot of inconvenience. The height of the platforms needs to be raised in order to avoid any untoward incident and keeping in view the number of the passengers, another platform needs to be built. The platforms at this railway station are not fully covered and during rain it becomes very difficult for passengers to catch their trains. Hence, the platforms must be covered properly. Care should be taken to ensure that the platforms are properly lighted. Canted facilities are also not available in this station.

I, therefore, request the Government to provide stoppages of Calicut Janshatabdi, Gandhidam, Veravel, Shalimar, Yeshwantpur, Hubli, Jammu Tawi and Jodhpur Expresses at Mavelikara Railway Station. A foot over bridge may please be built immediately and the railway station should be developed as a Model Station.