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Title: Need to modernize and upgrade the Chengannur Railway Station in Kerala as a Model Railway Station.

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Chengannur is the nearest and most convenient station for the devotees en-route to Sabarimala. Crores of devotees from across the country particularly from the Southern States visit this famous shrine every year. But the existing facilities at this Railway Station are highly insufficient to cater to the requirements of the vast number of commuters. In 2007, 48 railway stations were identified to be developed as Model Stations.

Chengannur Railway Station was one of these Stations. But so far, no work has been undertaken to increase the facilities at this station. It is important to note that this station contributes significantly to the revenue earnings of the railways.

Hence I urge upon the Government to take steps to modernize and upgrade the Chengannur Railway Station as a Model Railway Station at the earliest.