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Title: Need to expedite introduction of MEMU train between Erode and Palakkad town in Kerala.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to a serious issue related to my constituency. A MEMU service was first announced in the rail Budget of 2002 and the same was not implemented. The same MEMU again found a place in the rail Budget of 2012. Again this announcement has not been implemented in the last one year. This is a long pending demand and as a result of Budget announcement people have a great expectation. After the presentation of Rail Budget 2013 a delegation of MPs had met Hon'ble Railway Minister. Hon'ble Railway Minister had assured the extension of Ernakulam-Trissur MEMU to Palakkad and operationlisation of Erode-Palakkad Town MEMU before 31<sup>st</sup> of March. The extension of Ernakulam Trichur MEMU to Palakkad has been implemented. However, the Erode-Palakkad Town Memu has not been materialized. Hence, I urge upon the Government to implement Erode-Palakkad Town Memu which has been delayed by a decade urgently.