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Title: Regarding resumption of train services on Palakkad-Pollachi railway line.

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SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): I would like to draw the attention of this august House to an important issue of Palakkad-Pollachi Railway line. The gauge conversion of this line was completed at a cost of 400cr over a period of 7 years. However though one year after the completion of this gauge conversion work, no new trains have been introduced on this line. Not only that, even the existing trains which ceased to operate temporarily due to the work have not resumed their services. This line connects Southern Tamil Nadu with Kerala. There is immense potential for new trains connecting pilgrim centres like Pazhani, Madhura and Rameshwaram in Tamil Nadu and Guruvayur in Kerala. Introducing new trains connecting these destinations will be of great help for tens of thousands of Pilgrims. This will be beneficial for Railways too. Hence I request the Railways to resume all the previously existing operations of trains on the Palakkad-Pollachi route.