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Title: Regarding railway facilities in Koppal Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA (KOPPAL): Respected Madam, the recent Rail Budget presented by the hon. Railway Minister, Shri Suresh Prabhu ji, is the beginning of the modern age in the history of Independent India and the hon. Minister deserves the highest of high compliments. Please accept my congratulations though belated. I would now request you to please ensure proper maintenance of the coaches and cleanliness, making the onboard house keeping personnel to travel in at least the long distance.

Now, Madam, please permit me to brief hereunder a few of the most important issues which are pending quite a long time: Koppal Station was upgraded as "B" Grade Station. Hence, I request you to provide the below-mentioned facilities as per norms. Please provide a Junior Health Inspector with safai staff for the Station. Please set up an RPF outpost and enhance GRP staff. PRS must be in two shifts – from 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Train Reservation, Coach Information system must be there on the platforms. Please provide a Foot Over Bridge ramp for the physically-handicapped passengers. The second and third platform work is to be started by shifting the Goods TFC to Bhanapur or Munirabad. Also, please provide a reservation clerk and Ticket Examiner staff. Please extend the Hospet-Bengaluru/Bengaluru-Hospet passenger train No.56909/56910 up to Gadag. Please introduce a new Express Train between Vijayapur and Bengaluru *via* Bagalkot, Gadag, Koppal, Hospet and Bellary. Also, introduce a new passenger train between Hubli and Kalaburgi *via* Gadag, Koppal, Bellary and Guntakal. There should be stoppage of Hampi Express (16591/16592) at Bannikoppa and Ginigera Stations.

Train No.07324/07323 running in the sector Hubli-Chennai-Hubli was introduced as a special train in the month of April, 2015. This has full occupancy. I request you to make this a daily and a permanent one.

I request you to introduce an Express Train between Hubli and Nizamuddin Via Koppal, Bellary, Guntakal and Secunderabad which will be of immense benefit to the travelling public of interior Karnataka.

Presently, the Amaravati Express Train No.18407/18408 running between Howrah and Vasco runs for four days in a week. This has full occupancy and as such, I request you to make this a daily train. This train runs from Vasco to Howrah and *vice versa* for 40 hours but this has no pantry car. The travelling public are suffering due to lack of this facility. I therefore request you to provide a pantry car.

HON. SPEAKER: You should not read all these things. There is a difference between "Zero Hour" and Matters Under Rule 377. It is not Matters Under Rule 377. It is not a discussion. I am sorry.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA : I will take a minute. The following new railway lines are pending, maybe, due to lack of funds and land acquisition. I request you to sanction substantial funds and take up the works with a view to complete the projects at the earliest. They are: Munirabad-Mehaboob Nagar; Bellary-Lingasagur; Koppal-Alamatti and Gadag-Wadi. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Kumari Shobha Karandlaje is permitted to associate with the matter raised by Shri Karadi Sanganna Amarappa today during 'Zero Hour.'