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Title: Need to establish a new Railway Zone in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS (VIJAYAWADA): I bring to the attention of the Government a matter that has been long pending. The Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 had promised the people of Andhra Pradesh that the Indian Railways will establish a new railway zone in the State.

There are rising demands from the people of Andhra Pradesh for new trains, additional platforms, additional lines, and better services. However, because of lack of a separate Railway Zone, these demands are being ignored. A new Railway Zone will increase freight and passenger capacity of trains in the State and increase regional inter-connectivity. As the State is facing financial difficulties, this could also boost the State revenues.

In the light of the above, I urge the Government to honour the promise in the Act and grant a new Railway Zone to Andhra Pradesh as soon as possible.