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Title: Need to improve railway connectivity in Southern and North Eastern parts of the country.

DR. A. SAMPATH (ATTINGAL): The railway connectivity to the State of Kerala as well as the North Eastern States has to be strengthened and developed. The train services connecting the State Capital City to other State Capitals especially Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Chandigarh, Bhopal, Bhuvaneswar, Lucknow, Guwahati, Patna, Jaipur, Ranchi, Raipur etc. has to be increased. The connectivity of Kanyakumari to other Pilgrim cities of India via Kerala is yet to be fulfilled. It is the people from the southern states and from the North Eastern states who have to perform the longest journeys for discharging their duties and to return to their home land. The declared projects in previous Budget are yet to be fulfilled.

In these circumstances, I urge upon the Government of India to constitute a separate Sub-Committee consisting of the MPs, MLAs and the representatives of the Railway users to study their demand and submit their recommendations.