

## **Sixteenth Loksabha**

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Title: Need to start a new train from Palani to Palakkadu.

DR. P.K. BIJU (ALATHUR): There has been a long pending demand from the public for a new train from Palani to Palakkadu and this train should start from Palani at 06 AM reaching Pollachi at 07.15 AM so that the passengers from Palani and Udumalpettu travelling to Coimbatore may catch the Pollachi-Coimbatore train (Train No. 06084) at Pollachi Junction. People from Pollachi going to Kerala daily for their work and other purposes could also avail this Palani-Palakkadu new train with stops at Meenakshipuram, Muthalainada, Kollangodu, Puthunagaram and reaching Palakkadu by 09.00 AM. Being one of the important pilgrim centres in South India, drawing lakhs of devotees from across the world, Palani deserves special attention from the railway. I urge the Government to take necessary steps to start a new train from Palani to Palakkadu as early as possible.