

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding problems faced by commuters of passenger trains in Kerala - Laid

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): The persistent delay in daily passenger train services including MEMU and other services like Intercity and Shatabdi in Kerala under Southern Railway for the last six months is causing immense hardship to commuters, a majority of whom are employees and students. Due to this delay passengers are unable to reach offices on time and punch the automated attendance system causing loss of pay, especially for staff of hospitals and government offices and students. The authorities make excuses for delay as track and yard maintenance and doubling works and keep holding passenger trains for hours to pass express services. Such delays cause the passengers reach their homes late at night causing physical strain & health issues and safety risks for women passengers. I urge the government to ensure on schedule running of passenger trains.