

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRAINS TO AND FROM KERALA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) number of trains from Kerala to each of the metro cities in India including Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Delhi;
- (b) on an average, how early do tickets in each class of these trains have to be booked to be available as confirmed and not waitlist;
- (c) whether Railways propose to increase the number of trains to and from Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details including destination, number of trains and by when the new trains will be launched; and
- (e) if not, the plans of Railways to meet huge demand of tickets to and from Kerala?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Indian Railways (IR) do not run train services on State- wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, cities like Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Delhi are presently connected well with various stations (including Thiruvananthapuram, Kochuveli, Kannur, Ernakulam, Alappuzha), located in the State of Kerala by 12 pairs, 21 pairs, 2 pairs, 27 pairs and 13 pairs of train services respectively.

On IR, the demand for reserved accommodation is not uniform and varies during lean and peak periods. During peak periods, like summer vacations, pooja rush, Diwali/Chhath, winter vacation/Holi, etc., when demand exceeds the availability, the reserved accommodation, especially in higher class gets booked within a very short duration of opening of reservation whereas during lean periods, the accommodation remains available for comparatively longer duration. To meet the requirement of travelling passengers during peak periods, IR, subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources etc., operates special trains and augments the load of existing trains on temporary basis. Besides, introduction of new train services is an ongoing process.
