

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2468
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS IN KERALA

2468. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Railways in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last four years;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide LHB coaches to trains running through Kerala on priority basis and if so, the action taken in this regard;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to sanction an exclusive railway zone for Kerala and if so, the details of the action taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether there is inordinate delay in running of trains in Thiruvananthapuram and Palakkad Division;**
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken to rectify the same; and**
- (g) whether the Government proposes to introduce more MEMU trains so as to provide conveyance to short distance passengers and if so, the details of the action taken thereon?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2468 BY SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.12.2018 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS IN KERALA

(a) and (b): Projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise. Besides this, sanctioning of projects for development of Railways is a continuous process.

02 New Line and 08 Doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala are in various stages of planning/sanction/execution. Out of this, 03 Doubling projects for Turavur-Amablakupuzha (50 Km), Thiruvananthapuram-Kanniyakumari (86.56 Km) and Shoranur-Ernakulam (107 Km) lines have been included in the Budget during the last four years (2014-15 to 2017-18).

(c): Indian Railways do not undertake induction of LHB coaches in trains on State-wise basis. Besides, induction of trains with LHB coaches is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. However, the details of the trains operating with LHB coaches and serving the stations located in the State of Kerala are as below:-

S.No.	Name of trains
1	22113/14 Mumbai-Kochuveli Express
2	12223/24 Ernakulam-Mumbai (LTT) AC Duronto Express
3	12283/84 Ernakulam-H. Nizamuddin Duronto Express
4	12431/32 Thiruvananthapuram-H. Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express
5	22837/38 Hatia-Ernakulam AC Express
6	22877/78 Howrah-Ernakulam Antyodaya Express
7	12623/24 Chennai-Thiruvananthapuram Express
8	16311/12 Kochuveli-Bikaner Express

9	16315/16 Bangaluru-Kochuveli Express
10	12625/26 Thiruvananthapuram-New Delhi Express
11	16355/56 Kochuveli-Mangaluru Antyodaya Express
12	16319/20 Kochuveli-Banswada Humsafar Express
13	16527/28 Yesvantpur-Kannur Express
14	22677/78 Yesvantpur-Kochuveli Express
15	12685/86 Chennai Central-Mangaluru Central Express
16	22619/20 Bilaspur-Tirunelveli Express
17	19331/32 Indore-Kochuveli Express

(d): No, Madam. New Zones on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibilities, traffic pattern and other operating/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. The Zones on Indian Railways are not based on the State/District boundaries or on regional consideration.

(e) and (f): The punctuality performance of Thiruvananthapuram and Palakkad Divisions during the period from June, 2018 to November, 2018, as detailed below indicates that the punctuality of these Railway Divisions has improved.

Division	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018	September 2018	October 2018	November 2018
Thriuvananthapuram	50.9%	53.8%	53.3%	60.8%	61.5%	66.7%
Palakkad	78.7%	77.3%	71.8%	80.1%	81.4%	87.2%

Besides, the following steps have been taken on Thiruvananthapuram and Palakkad Divisions to further improve punctuality performance:-

- i. Rationalization of the timings of 90 Mail / Express trains with effect from 13.06.2018.**

- ii. Diversion of five pairs of trains via Shoranur 'B' cabin bye-passing Shoranur Junction, with effect from 20.04.2018, to avoid detention of trains at Shoranur Junction.**
 - iii. Operating twenty pairs of Express trains in Thiruvananthapuram Division with WAP7 locomotives for better acceleration/deceleration of trains.**
- (g): Introduction of MEMU trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility & traffic demand etc.**
