

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 358  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

**STARTING OF NEW TRAINS**

**358. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of new trains introduced in the gauge conversion completed railway lines during the last two years;**
- (b) the details of action taken for maximum utilization of newly constructed Kollam-Schenkottah railway line;**
- (c) the details of new trains introduced and the action taken for restoring the old trains stopped during the time of starting the gauge conversion work in Kollam-Schenkottah railway line; and**
- (d) the action taken by the Government to introduce more trains in Kollam-Schenkottah railway line?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a): During the last two years i.e. 2017-18 & 2018-19 (till November, 2018), Indian Railways have introduced 31 pairs of new train services and extended 14 pairs of existing train services on the newly Gauge-converted non-suburban sections.**

**(b) to (d): Before closure of Kollam-Punalur-Sengottai section for gauge conversion, 1 pair of Express train and 5 pairs of Passenger trains were serving the section. However, consequent upon the completion of gauge conversion of the section, 1 pair of Express train and 7 pairs of Passenger trains are being operated on Kollam-Punalur section of which 1 pair of Express train and 1 pair of Passenger train also serves Kollam-Punalur-Sengottai section. Owing to various restrictions of speed & load on the Kollam-Sengottai section introduction of more services is not feasible, at present. However, introduction of new trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational constraints, availability of resources, commercial justification etc.**

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