

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 360
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

RAIL CONNECTIVITY

360. SHRI M. K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted on the demand for more rail connectivity between Calicut and Bengaluru and Calicut and Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to meet the heavy demand of more trains between these cities;

(d) whether the Government proposes to run the existing weekly trains on daily basis on these routes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Analysis of passenger traffic on Indian Railways is done on regular basis. The demand pattern on different sectors varies during peak and lean periods. During the Financial Year 2018-19 (upto November, 2018) about 1.07 lakh passengers travelled on Calicut-Bengaluru-Calicut sector and 0.46 lakh passengers travelled on Calicut-Kolkata-Calicut Sector.

(c) to (e): At present, two pair of trains serve Kozhikode-Bengaluru sector while one pair of train serves Kozhikode-Kolkata sector. Besides, to clear the extra rush of passengers during peak seasons like festivals, vacations etc., Indian Railways also operate special trains keeping in view operational feasibility, traffic demand and availability of resources. Increase in frequencies of 16565/16566 Yesvantpur-Mangaluru Central Express and 22851/22852 Santragachi-Mangaluru Central Express from weekly to daily is not feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.
