

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 258
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019**

TRAIN SERVICES

***258. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering the proposals to start a Thiruvananthapuram-Velankanni- Madurai Train and a Main-line Electric Multiple Units (MEMU) service connecting Thiruvananthapuram to Kollam, Nagercoil and Kanyakumari;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Ministry proposes to execute these proposals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF
STARRED QUESTION NO. 258 BY DR. SHASHI THAROOR TO BE
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SERVICES**

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Presently, Thiruvananthapuram is connected with Madurai by four pairs of express and one pair of passenger trains While there is no direct train service between Thiruvananthapuram and Velankanni, a special train is being operated upto 28.07.2019 between Ernakulam and Velankanni. As far as connections between Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam are concerned, 62 pairs of train services are running between Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram/Kochuveli. Further, one pair of MEMU train viz. 66304/66305 Kollam-Kanniyakumari MEMU via Thiruvananthapuram is being operated on the Kollam-Thiruvananthapuram-Kanniyakumari sector in addition to existing Mail/Express as well as passenger service operating on this sector. However, introduction of trains including MEMU service is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources etc.
