

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4004
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

NEW TRAIN TO KERALA

4004. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to introduce a new train to the State of Kerala and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has noticed that about 40 lakh employees of other states are working in Kerala especially from Northern part of India and there are not enough trains available for them;**
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering for a daily train service from Ernakulam to Guwahati and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of new trains proposed from Kerala to other states?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) Indian Railways endeavour to provide connectivity to various parts of the country, However, trains are not operated on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State

boundaries. Prominent stations-like Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam, located in the State of Kerala are connected to important destinations of Northern part of country like Delhi, Jammu Tawi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Dehradun, Amritsar, Chandigarh etc. by services like 12625/12626 Thiruvananthapuram-New Delhi Kerala Express, 16317/16318 Kanniyakumari-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Himsagar Express, 22659/22660 Kochuveli-Dehradun Express, 12483/12484 Kochuveli-Amritsar Express, 12217/12218 Kochuveli-Chandigarh Kerala Sampark Kranti Express etc. For Guwahati, three pairs of train services are available on the Ernakulam- Guwahati sector. The existing services are catering to the needs of passengers of these sectors and are supplemented by operation of special trains and augmentation of loads of existing services, whenever required.

Owing to operational and resource constraints, introduction of additional trains on the Ernakulam – Guwahati sector and additional trains for Northern parts of the country, is not feasible, at present. However, introduction of trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources etc.
