

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5041
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

SASTHAMCOTTA RAILWAY STATION

5041. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed new development works in Sasthamcotta Railway Station in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of completed and ongoing works during the last two years;**
- (c) whether the Government has approved the stoppage of Velankanni express (via) Punalur at Sasthamcotta and Mavelikkara stations under the Southern Railway; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) and (b): Sasthamcotta is a Non Suburban Grade (NSG)- 5 category station in Trivandrum Division of Southern Railway dealing with 2459 passengers on an average per day. All minimum essential amenities have been provided at this station as per norms. This station has also been developed under Adarsh Station Scheme.

In addition to the above, works like improvement to approach road and brightening of station building have been completed recently and the additional facilities for differently abled passengers (Divyangjans) viz ramp, toilets etc. are being developed. Moreover, provision of passenger

amenities for passenger conveniences is a continuous and ongoing process.

(c) and (d): There is no train named Velankanni Express running via Punalur. However, Train No. 06015/06016 Ernakulam – Velankanni – Ernakulam weekly special train which has been notified upto 29.09.2019 is provided stoppage at Mavelikkara. The special train is also provided with stoppages at Kayankulam and Kollam which are 21.25 km and 19.54 km respectively from Sasthamcotta.
