

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2517
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

INTRODUCING NEW TRAINS IN KOZHIKODE

2517. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that despite approval to introduce new trains between Bangalore and Kozhikode and Rameshwaram and Kozhikode no new trains have been provided on these routes, if so, the details regarding the same;**
- (b) whether the Government has observed that the Time Table Committee has been recommending the same continuously for the past five years, if so, the details for such a delay that has happened for the past five years;**
- (c) whether the Government is in receipt of any such recommendation from the Time Table Committee, if so, the details regarding the same and the steps taken to expedite the matter;**
- (d) whether the Government also plans to introduce more passenger trains connecting Kozhikode and Kannur and Kozhikode and Shornur, if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to introduce Vande Bharat trains through Kerala, if so, the details and steps taken for the same;**
- (f) whether the Government plans to modernize and develop Calicut, Vellayil, Feroke, West Hill and Kadalundi railway stations, if so, the details of steps taken in this regard;**
- (g) whether the Government has observed that there is lack of basic infrastructure at these railway stations, if so, the details of steps taken in this regard;**
- (h) the details regarding all the trains that had stoppages at these stations before Covid-19 pandemic period and as on November, 2022;**
- (i) whether the Government is planning for stoppage of more passenger trains at these railway stations, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (j) whether the Government has any data regarding the status of Feroke-Angadipuram project, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (j) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2517 BY SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING INTRODUCING NEW TRAINS IN KOZHIKODE

(a) to (e) Indian Railways, with a view to assess the feasibility of various proposals pertaining to operations of passenger services, annually holds a meeting viz. The Indian Railway Time Table Co-ordination Conference (IRTTC). The meeting is attended by all Zonal Railways and provides an opportunity for detailed discussion and deliberation, on the proposals of zonal Railways and also those received from various quarters including Public representatives. Tentative Minutes relating to the feasible/workable proposals are prepared. Keeping in view the availability of resources, competing demands, etc. some of these feasible proposals are taken up for implementation normally during the course of the year and incorporated in Time Table. At present, there is no immediate proposal for introduction of additional trains from Kozhikode to KSR Bengaluru, Rameswaram, Kannur and Shoranur. As regards, introduction of Vande Bharat Express service from the State of Kerala, it is stated that Indian Railways do not run train services on State- wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, introduction of trains including Vande Bharat trains, is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources, etc.

(f) & (g) Ministry of Railways is undertaking techno-economic feasibility studies for redevelopment of Stations. Based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment in phases, especially the stations located in major cities and important tourist destination. Kozhikode (Calicut) Railway Station in the State of Kerala is one of the stations identified for such studies.

Vellayil is a HG2 category Halt station and already provided with the requisite "Minimum Essential Amenities" as per norms except high level platform for PF No. 1. Feroke Railway Station is a Non Suburban Grade 5 (NSG5) category railway station. It has already been developed under "Adarsh Station Scheme". West Hill and Kadalundi Railway Stations are Non Suburban Grade 6 (NSG 6) Category Railway Stations and already provided with the requisite "Minimum Essential Amenities" as per norms.

Improvement to passenger amenities at stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and availability of funds. However, priority for improvement to passenger amenities at a station is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

(h) & (i) Prior to discontinuation of regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f 23.03.2020, Kozhikode, Vellayil, FeroK, West Hill and Kadalundi stations were served by 105, 08, 33, 08 & 12 trains services respectively, and presently, these stations are being served by 112, 04, 32, 08 & 14 train services respectively. At present, there is no immediate proposal for provision of additional stoppages of trains at Kozhikode, Vellayil, FeroK, West Hill and Kadalundi stations. However, provision of stoppage of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability etc.

(j) FeroK is connected to Angadipuram by Rail via Shoranur junction. Presently, no proposal for direct connectivity between FeroK and Angadipuram is under consideration. However, a Survey for a new line between Kozhikode and Angadipuram via Malappuram (77 Km) was completed in 2009-10. The project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projection as per survey reports.

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