

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 84
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022**

**EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINE FROM THENI TOWARDS
KUMILY**

84. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request/proposal to extend the railway line from Theni towards Kumily in Idukki district;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government intends to connect Kumily with Erumeli so that the project is likely to help lakhs of Ayyappa devotees who visit Sabarimala every year; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 84 BY ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2022 REGARDING EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINE FROM THENI TOWARDS KUMILY

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Survey for a new line between Dindigul and Kumuli via Theni (123 Km) & via Theni and Bodinayakanur (133.6 Km) was completed in 2014. The project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projection as per survey reports.

Another survey for Dindigul - Sabarimala (201 Km) new Broad Gauge (BG) line has been sanctioned. Survey has been taken up. Proposed alignment will pass through Theni and Lower camp area. Further consideration will be possible once survey report is finalized and results thereon are firmed up.

(c) & (d): No proposal for new line between Kumuli and Erumeli is under consideration. However, Angamali - Sabarimala (Erumeli) new line project (116 Km) has been sanctioned. The Detailed Estimate of the project has been prepared by M/s Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL).
