

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1047
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

NEW RAILWAY TERMINAL FACILITY AT KOCHI

1047 SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Kochi requires a new railway terminal facility exclusively for express trains and if so, the details including the current status;

(b) whether the Government has noticed that Kochi city is also a part of the Greater Cochin Region, which is the largest urban agglomeration in Kerala;

(c) if so, whether the demand for a new terminal with more platforms and more pit lines is likely to be addressed and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is aware of the fact that land is major hurdle in Kerala for rail development projects and if so, the details including utilization of about 110 acres prime land available at Ernakulam Marshalling Yard?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) The rail head at Ernakulam Junction with 10 lines (6 platform lines) and Ernakulam Town with 2 platform lines adequately serve Kochi city. At present, trains are maintained at Ernakulam coaching depot which is equipped with 5 stabling lines and 3 pit lines. For major upgradation of Ernakulam Junction and Ernakulam Town railway stations, works have been sanctioned at cost of ₹444.63 Cr and ₹226.19 Cr respectively to meet with the present day requirements at Ernakulam.