

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1128
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

STOPPAGES OF TRAINS

1128. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kanhangad (KZE), Chervatur (CHV), Payangadi (PAZ), etc. are the few main railway stations of the Kasargod constituency and the largest townships as compared to nearby stations and the revenue is also very high in these places;**
- (b) if so, whether many of the trains like Mangala Lakshadweep Express (12617/12618) and West Coast Express (22637/22638) were having stoppages here before Covid;**
- (c) if so, whether the Railways is considering to return the pre-Covid status for the train stoppages of Mangala Lakshadweep Express (12617/12618) at Kanhangad-KZE, West Coast Express (22637/22638) at Chervatur (CHV) and Kurla Express at Payangadi;**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the long time demand for the stoppage of Parasuram Express at Chervatur (CHV) having large number of passengers and revenue is likely to be considered by the Government; and**
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1128 BY SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2023 REGARDING STOPPAGES OF TRAINS

(a) While details regarding revenue are not maintained constituency wise, total passenger revenue of the three stations; Kanhangad (KZE), Charvattur (CHV) and Payangadi (PAZ) during last three years and current year (upto Dec-2022) is as under:

(₹ in Crore)

Station	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Current Year upto Dec-2022 (2022-23)
Kanhangad (KZE)	11.85	2.39	4.35	7.90
Charvattur (CHV)	3.12	0.39	1.20	2.21
Payangadi (PAZ)	2.79	0.33	1.23	2.12

(b) to (f) Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of the time table, including rationalization of stoppages, in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. The exercise has been undertaken inter alia to provide for better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, minimizing conflicts in existing time table, generation of additional path for freight traffic and speeding up of train services. Since, November-2021, train services are being operated with rationalized time table. Accordingly, while stoppage of 12617 Ernakulam-(H. Nizamuddin Mangala Lakshadweep Express) has been provided at Kanhangad and Payangadi stations, stoppage of additional trains at Kanhangad, Payangadi and Charvattur is neither operationally expedient nor commercially justified, at present. However, provision of stoppages is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability etc.
