

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2360
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA

2360. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway projects sanctioned during the Budget 2023-24 for Railway infrastructure in Kerala;**
- (b) whether the Railways has taken any action on reconsidering Nemom coaching terminal project;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to introduce Vande Bharat Trains for Kerala; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2360 BY SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA

(a): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Indian Railways' projects may span across various State boundaries.

Zone-wise details of all Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website, i.e., www.indianrailways.gov.in > Ministry of Railways > Railway Board > About Indian Railways > Railway Board Directorates > Finance (Budget) > Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year) > Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects and commensurate commissioning of Projects in Indian Railways. The Average Annual Budget allocation for these works during 2014-19 increased to ₹950 crore per year from ₹372 crore per year during 2009 – 14 (155% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). The Annual Budget allocation increased to ₹667 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (79% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14), ₹688 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (85% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹1,866 crore in Financial year 2021-22 (402% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, budget outlay of ₹1,085 crore has been provided for these works, which is 192% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-22, 107 Km sections (29 Km Gauge conversion and 78 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala has been commissioned at an average rate of 13.38 Km per year, which is 26.23% more than commissioning during 2009-14.

(b) & (c): A comprehensive study has been conducted by Southern Railway for requirement of Coaching Terminal in Thiruvananthapuram area to take care of present and future traffic in this area. The Study report has been submitted by Southern Railway. The decisions to augment infrastructure will be done once comprehensive study report is examined and result thereon is firmed up.

(d) & (e): Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis as the railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, introduction of train services including Vande Bharat Express is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification etc.
