

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2381
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

HALTING FACILITIES AT DHARMADOM

2381. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that passenger trains in the morning does not have a stop at Dharmadom Railway Station in Kannur;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for withdrawing the halting facility at Dharmadom during morning hours;

(c) whether the Government will reintroduce the halt at Dharmadom for passenger trains in the morning;

(d) whether the Government is willing to upgrade the functioning of Dharmadom Station from Grade E to Grade D and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Dharmadom Station has proper toilet facility for public use and if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government is willing to upgrade the toilet facility in this station; and

(f) whether there is sufficient shelter and amenities such as light and drinking water facility at the eastern side of Dharmadom Station and 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 (c) Presently, Dharmadam Halt is being served by two pairs of passenger specials including 06023 Shoranur-Kannur Special, which arrives/departs Dharmadam Halt at 08.14 /08.15 hrs.

Further, as a part of rationalization of time table, 56650 Kannur-Coimbatore Passenger and 56654 Mangaluru-Kozhikode Passenger have been speeded up and converted into Express services, which *inter-alia* necessitated discontinuation of poorly patronized stoppages at Dharmadam Halt. However, provision of stoppage of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability etc.

(d) to (f) For provision of passenger Amenities, stations are at present categorized as Non-suburban Grade (1-6), Suburban Grade (1-3) and Halt Grade (1-3) depending upon the earnings and outward passengers handled at the station. Dharmadam station is categorized as Halt Grade/3 station. The average daily number of passengers dealt at this station is 48 only.

As per norms for Minimum Essential Amenities, shady trees, hand pump, lighting etc. are to be provided at HG/3 category station and there is no provision of toilet facility at Halt stations. However, Dharmadam station has 3 lavatories including toilet for divyangjan, 221sqm platform shelter, 19 lights, 2 drinking water taps and the present level of amenities is considered to be adequate in view of the current volume of passenger traffic. However, up-gradation of passenger amenities is an on-going and continuous process subject to volume of traffic, *inter-se* priority of works and availability of funds.
