

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2157
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

DOUBLING OF TRACK FROM SALEM TO KARUR

2157. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any plans to double the track from Salem to Karur, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether train No. 16231 is not stopping at Pugalur station while the same train was stopping at Pugalur before Covid; and**
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2157 BY SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2023 REGARDING DOUBLING OF TRACK FROM SALEM TO KARUR

(a): Survey for doubling between Salem-Karur-Dindigul has been completed and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up.

(b) and (c): 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 and speed up train services. Accordingly, Pugalur is presently being served by 16 train services. However, provision of stoppage of trains in an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability etc.
