

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3290
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

FEROKE-ANGADIPPURAM RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

3290. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to sanction more Vande Bharat trains to Kerala, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to consider Feroke-Angadippuram railway line project, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering any high speed railway connectivity project for Kerala, if so, the complete details regarding the same;**
- (d) whether any steps and measures are being taken to bring unconnected regions of Kerala under railway line, if so, the details regarding proposals under consideration of Railways; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to consider special trains to Kerala from various parts of India during Onam festival season, if so, the details regarding the same?**

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. 3290 BY SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING FEROKE-ANGADIPPURAM RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

(a) As on 3rd August, 2023, 50 Vande Bharat train services are running across the Indian Railways, connecting States having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. These include 02 Vande Bharat services which are catering to the stations located in the State of Kerala. Moreover, introduction of trains, including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.

(b) Ferok is connected to Angadipuram by Rail via Shoranur junction. However, a Survey for a new line between Kozhikode and Angadipuram via Malappuram (77 Km) was completed in 2009-10. The project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projections as per survey report.

(c) Presently, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project is the only sanctioned High Speed Rail Project in the Country. No proposal for High Speed Rail Project in the State of Kerala is under consideration of the Government, at present. However, Semi-High Speed Project from Thiruvananthapuram to Kasargod has been identified for development in the State of Kerala by Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited(KRDCL), a joint venture company of the State Government of Kerala and Ministry of Railways.

(d) New line projects are not sanctioned district-wise, region-wise or State-wise. Railway projects are taken up Zonal Railway-wise on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands

raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds. Moreover, during last 03 years (i.e. Financial Year 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23) and current year (i.e. Financial Year 2023-24), total 03 surveys of total length 410 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala have been sanctioned.

(e) To meet the extra rush of passengers during Onam, 22 trips of special trains have already been notified.

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