

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.567
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

CANCELLATION OF PASSENGER TRAINS

567. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the difficulties faced by local passengers in the Shoranur-Mangalore sector of the Palakkad division in Southern Railway due to the cancellation of passenger trains and time schedule of the trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has plans to reinstate the cancelled trains or increase unreserved coaches in the existing express trains to resolve the congestion in existing passenger trains and unreserved coaches of express trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the delays to existing trains caused by the newly introduced Vande Bharat trains; and**
- (d) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Railways in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 567 ASKED BY DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING CANCELLATION OF PASSENGER TRAINS

(a) & (b) Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of time table 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, generation of additional paths and minimizing conflicts in existing time table to improve punctuality. The exercise, inter-alia, necessitated rationalization of train services including the discontinuation of 06496 Kozhikode-Shoranur Unreserved Express Special and partial discontinuation of 06495 Thrisur-Kozhikode Unreserved Express Special between Shoranur -Kozhikode. However, for the convenience of the passengers using the services of 06496 Special Express, the timings of 16607 Kannur- Coimbatore Express has been revised so as to operate to similar schedule. Similarly, for the passengers using the services of 06495 Thrisur-Kozhikode Unreserved Express Special, the timings of 16608 Coimbatore – Kannur Express have been revised so as to depart Shoranur at 16:20 hrs.

Further, to cater to the needs of General class passengers, 5 pairs of trains viz. 16303/16304 Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram Vanchinad Express, 16305/16306 Ernakulam - Kannur Express, 16307/16308 Alappuzha- Kannur Express, 16301/16302 Shoranur- Thiruvananthapuram Venad Express and 16649/16650 Mangaluru-Nagercoil Parasuram Express have each been permanently augmented by one General class coach. These are in addition to the temporary augmentations undertaken to meet the extra rush of passengers.

(c) & (d) Vande Bharat Express services run as per their scheduled Time Table. Operation of these services does not lead to delay in operations of other train services on the Shoranur –Mangaluru sector.
