

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 619
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

EXTENSION OF TRAIN SERVICES AT KANNUR

619. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kannur to Mangalore stretch under Palakkad Division lacks many facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are no MEMU trains and a majority of other trains do not have stoppages in this sector, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the passenger traffic and revenue in these stations are very high as compared to all other areas;

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to develop Kumbla railway station as a Satellite station which owns 37.6 acres of land;

(f) the status of requests for extension of train services terminating at Kannur till the northern most part of Kerala as well as introduction of new trains with the existing rakes; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 619 BY SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN TO BE
ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING EXTENSION OF
TRAIN SERVICES AT KANNUR**

(a) to (e) There are 22 stations falling in the stretch of Kannur to Mangalore under Palakkad Division which have already been provided with most of the essential amenities. Further, upgradation/modernization of amenities is an ongoing and continuous process.

Ministry of Railways has launched the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far 1309 Railway Stations have been identified under this scheme including 114 stations on Southern Railway. Between Mangalore – Kannur section falling in Palakkad division, 05 stations namely, Mangalore Central, Mangalore Junction, Kasargod, Payyanur and Kannur have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

At present, Kannur-Mangaluru sector is already being served by 06477/06478 Kannur-Mangalore MEMU special having stoppages at all enroute stations. Besides, 06469 Kannur-Charvattur special and 06491 Charvattur-Mangaluru special running in this sector, are having stoppages at all enroute stations. However, provision of stoppage of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification etc.

The existing level of facilities are sufficient to cater to the present level of traffic, further provision of new facilities including, upgradation/modernization of amenities is an ongoing and continuous process.

(f) and (g) At present, Kannur and Mangaluru sector is being served by 47 pair of train services. Extension/introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.
