

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3898
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019**

KOZHIKODE RAILWAY STATION AS WORLD CLASS STATION

3898. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status and details of developing Kozhikode railway station as World Class station including the funds allotted and time frame proposed;**
- (b) whether there is demand to have more MEMU services in Palakkad division including Kozhikode railway station and the details of the MEMU services approved;**
- (c) whether the LHB coach attached trains in Palakkad division are very few indicating a disparity of allotment of LHB coaches among the divisions and the remedial measures proposed to have more LHB coaches in Palakkad division trains;**
- (d) whether Railways had conducted any study on the volume of traffic on the Mangalore-Kozhikode-Bangalore section and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether there is any proposal to add more trains from Mangalore/Kozhikode side to Bangalore against the prevailing two trains on the basis of demand and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 3898 BY SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2019 REGARDING KOZHICODE RAILWAY STATION AS WORLD CLASS STATION

(a): Kozhikode railway station has been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) in August 2019 for redevelopment. RLDA has initiated action for appointment of Consultant for feasibility study, preparation of Master Plan and Detailed Project Report etc. As the station is planned to be redeveloped in PPP mode with no cost to Railway, allocation of fund is not required.

Station redevelopment project is complex in nature and requires detailed techno-financial feasibility studies and statutory clearances from local authorities. Therefore, no time-frame for completion of the project can be indicated at this stage.

(b)to(e): Presently, four pairs of MEMU services, namely 66606/66607 Palakkad Town-Coimbatore MEMU, 66605/66604 Coimbatore-Shoranur MEMU, 66608/66609 Palakkad Town-Erode MEMU and 66611/66612 Palakkad-Ernakulam MEMU are being operated in the Palakkad Division, which is adequately catering to the needs of passengers. Requests, including that from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament have been received for introduction of more MEMU services in Palakkad Division. However, owing to the operational and resource constraints, at present there is no proposal to introduce additional MEMU trains in Palakkad Division.

Conversion of coaches of trains into LHB coaches, is being undertaken in phase-wise manner. Accordingly, 29 pairs of trains running with LHB coaches, are serving Palakkad Division.

To cater to the needs of Bangaluru-Mangaluru sector, 16585/16586 Yesvantpur-Mangaluru Central Express has been introduced w.e.f. 21.02.2019, which is in addition to the 4 pairs of services serving the sector. Similarly, two pairs of trains are catering to the Mangaluru-Kozhikode sector. However, at present, there is no proposal to introduce new train between Kozhikode-KSR Bangaluru.
