

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 355
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020**

NEW TRAINS IN TAMIL NADU

***355. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new trains proposed to be introduced and also the trains which have been introduced by the Government in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years; and

(b) the number of persons benefited therefrom?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 355 BY SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2020 REGARDING NEW TRAINS IN TAMIL NADU

(a) Since the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, Indian Railways does not operate any trains on State-wise basis. However, during the last three years (2016-17 to 2018-19), 34 new train services have been introduced serving the various stations located in the State of Tamil Nadu on originating/terminating basis. Further, introduction of new trains is an ongoing process subject to the operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources, etc.

(b) Due to the reason cited above, State-wise statistics of number of passengers can not be maintained. However, the year-wise details of number of passengers booked on Southern Railway, which primarily serves the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:-

Financial Year	Approximate number of passengers booked (in millions)
2016-17	798.71
2017-18	814.32
2018-19	837.69
