

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4041
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020
NEW TRAINS IN KERALA**

4041. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new trains that are proposed to be introduced by the Government and also those which have been introduced in the State of Kerala in the last three years including this year;**
- (b) the number of railway stations developed by the Government to provide world class facilities to the passengers across the country so far, zone-wise; and**
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide world class facilities in all the railway stations of the country?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise basis as railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, during 2017-2020 (till February-2020), 5 pairs of Mail/Express have been introduced, serving various stations located in the State of Kerala. Besides, introduction of trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources, etc.

(b) and (c) The work of redevelopment is in advanced stage at Gandhinagar (Western Railway) and Habibganj (West Central Railway) railway stations. Contracts have been awarded for redevelopment of Gomtinagar (North Eastern Railway), Anand Vihar (Northern Railway), Bijwasan (Northern Railway) and Chandigarh (Northern Railway) railway stations.

The facilities proposed in a redeveloped station include congestion free non-conflicting entry/exit to the station premises, segregation of arrival/departure of passengers, adequate concourse without overcrowding, integration of both sides of the city wherever feasible, integration with other modes of transport systems e.g Bus, Metro, etc., user friendly international signage, well illuminated circulating area and sufficient provision for drop off, pick up and parking, etc.
