

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 604
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

REVENUES OF TRAINS IN SALEM RAILWAY DIVISION

604. SHRI NATARAJAN PR.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of passengers who travelled in the (1) Coimbatore-Mettupalayam passenger train (2) Coimbatore-Pollachi passenger train (3) Coimbatore-Madurai train in Salem railway division (Tamil Nadu State) and the revenue earned during each year during the past three years, year/train-route-wise, separately;

(b) whether the Government is reviewing the traffic and revenue in the above said trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken for extension of trains and introduction of Coimbatore-Madurai passenger train via Pollachi Dindigul; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 604 BY SHRI NATARAJAN PR. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.02.2020 REGARDING REVENUES OF TRAINS IN SALEM RAILWAY DIVISION

(a) and (b): The demand pattern over Indian Railways is not uniform and it varies across different sectors and seasons. Indian Railways undertake periodic reviews of occupancy, revenue, quota utilisation of trains running across different sectors including the trains running in Coimbatore-Mettupalayam-Coimbatore sector, Coimbatore-Pollachi-Coimbatore sector and Coimbatore-Madurai-Coimbatore sector. The year-wise details of to and fro passenger traffic and passenger earnings for the past three years in the above mentioned sectors are as under:-

Approximate Passenger traffic (in Lakhs)

Sector	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Coimbatore-Mettupalayam-Coimbatore	32.52	34.15	34.76
Coimbatore-Pollachi-Coimbatore	0.35	1.38	5.24
Coimbatore-Madurai-Coimbatore	37.29	38.25	52.13

Approximate Passenger Earnings (₹in Crores)

Sector	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Coimbatore-Mettupalayam-Coimbatore	51.69	52.00	57.77
Coimbatore-Pollachi-Coimbatore	0.02	0.29	0.62
Coimbatore-Madurai-Coimbatore	50.25	55.68	63.28

(c) and (d): To cater to the needs of the passengers of Coimbatore-Mettupalayam section, an additional MEMU service viz. 66622/66623 Coimbatore-Mettupalayam MEMU has been introduced w.e.f 01.02.2020. Besides, 56183/56184 Coimbatore-Pollachi Sewa Service has also been introduced w.e.f 15.10.2019. At present, there is no proposal for introduction of train between Coimbatore and Madurai via Pollachi, Dindigul. However, connection between Coimbatore and Madurai is available, at Palani, by 56609 Coimbatore-Palani Sewa Service, 56623 Palani-Madurai Passenger, 56624 Madurai-Palani Passenger and 56608 Palani-Coimbatore Sewa services in both directions.
