

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 567
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

PRIVATE TRAINS ON RAILWAY ROUTES

567. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to operate private train to ply on railway routes by private operators;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of train routes proposed by the Government in various States for the aforesaid project; and**
- (d) the details of private trains that are sanctioned in Kerala state?**

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. 567 BY SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.09.2020 REGARDING PRIVATE TRAINS ON RAILWAY ROUTES

(a) to (c) Ministry of Railways (MoR) has invited applications for investment and induction of modern rakes over select routes through Public Private Partnership (PPP) to provide world class services to the passengers. As part of this initiative, MOR have issued 12 Requests for Qualification (RFQs) on 1st July, 2020 for operation of passenger trains over approximately 109 origin-destination pairs (divided into 12 clusters) through PPP on Design, Build, Finance and Operate (“DBFO”) basis. The routes are spread across the entire Indian Railway network and the list is available in the public domain namely, <http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/IndicativeRoutesfor12clusters.pdf>.

(d) The details of train services, included in the notified RFQs, serving the state of Kerala are as under:-

| Station From | Station To | Frequency |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Kanniyakumari | Ernakulam | Daily |
| Kochuveli | Ernakulam | Tri weekly |
| Kochuveli | Guwahati | Tri weekly |
| Chennai | Mangalore via Calicut | Weekly |
