

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3672
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

MODERNISATION OF KOZHIKODE RAILWAY STATION

3672. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to develop any tourist circuit in Malabar region;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including introducing vista dome compartments on the Shornaur Nilambur line;**
- (c) whether Railways plans to connect Calicut Airport via Railways; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons for delay in the implementation of modernization project of Kozhikode Railway Station?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) Indian Railways, through Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), is operating holiday packages covering Malabar Region. Apart from launched packages, customised tour packages as per the demand of tourists are also operated by IRCTC.**
- (b) Holiday package 'Misty Wayanad' is available for booking on IRCTC website. This 2 Nights/3 Days package, ex Kozhikode, includes pickup/drop and two nights stay at Wayanad. Important tourist destinations like Kuruwa island, Tirunelly Temple, Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Pazhassi Raja Tomb, Ambalavayal Heritage Museum, Edakkal Caves, Banasura Sagar Dam, Pookode Lake, Lakkidi View Point and Tushargiri Wataerfalls are covered in this package.**

In addition IRCTC has entered into MOU with Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC) for operation of cruise services in rivers of Kannur and Kasargode which also fall under Malabar region.

Shoranur-Nilambur section of Southern Railway has been identified for attachment of Vistadome coaches in trains. However, attachment of Vistadome coaches in trains is based on factors such as operational feasibility and day-time journey of the train.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Bids for redevelopment of Kozhikode railway station were invited by Indian Railway and subsequently bids were cancelled/discharged. Now, Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), has taken up the work for preparation of 'Detailed Project Feasibility Report' for redevelopment of Kozhikode station under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.
