

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1436
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021**

MEMU SERVICES BETWEEN KANNUR AND MANGALORE

1436. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Southern Railways had introduced 8 MEMU car rakes in north Malabar route that were being operated exclusively for railway workers during the pandemic and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is of the opinion that the availability of rakes is an issue for operating MEMU service between Kannur and Mangalore and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has received several requests from elected representatives seeking the introduction of MEMU services between Kannur and Mangalore and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government had planned to introduce MEMU services between Kannur and Mangalore and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the reasons for delay in providing MEMU services between Kannur and Mangalore?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) To meet the requirement of movement of essential staff including Track Maintainers for emergency maintenance works due to non-availability of passenger carrying trains (owing to discontinuation of regular passenger services in view of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic) MEMU rakes were operated for three days from 02.06.2021 to 04.06.2021.

(b) to (e) Requests, including from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received *inter alia* regarding introduction of MEMU services between Kannur and Mangaluru. Owing to operational constraints, including inadequate infrastructural facilities at Palakkad, MEMU car shed, and resource constraints, introduction of MEMU train service between Kannur and Mangaluru is not feasible at present. However, introduction of trains, including

MEMU trains, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.
