

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2345
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

INTRODUCTION OF TRAIN SERVICES IN SOUTHERN ZONE

2345. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the General Manager South Zone Headquarters Chennai on the resumption and introduction of train services which are pending for more than seven years, viz, extention of Mettupalayam-Coimbatore train upto Nagercoil via Pollachi, introduction of new over night train service to Bengaluru for which proposal is pending with Railway Board and resumption of Coimbatore-Pollachi-Madurai daily passenger train services and Coimbatore-Pollachi daily passenger train services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on these proposals?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f 23.03.2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. To cater to the needs of the passengers of Coimbatore- Pollachi- Madurai sector, 06463/06462 Coimbatore-Palani Special and 06479/06480 Palani-Madurai Special are being operated, at present. Further, there is no immediate proposal for introduction of an overnight train between Coimbatore and Bengaluru and extension of Coimbatore-Mettupalayam train upto Nagercoil. However, subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources etc, introduction and extension of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways.
