

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3260  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

**CLASSIFICATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS**

**3260. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the classification of railway stations are done based on revenue turnover, importance of the place, etc.;**
- (b) if so, the principles and norms adopted in this regard at present;**
- (c) the revenue generated by different railway stations in Kannur and Kasaragod districts in kerala;**
- (d) the criteria adopted for allowing stoppages of express trains and long distance trains at railway stations; and**
- (e) the contingencies in place for exemptions for deviating from the laid down standards?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3260 BY SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING CLASSIFICATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS**

**(a) & (b): At present, for provision of passenger amenities, railway stations are categorized based on the annual passenger earnings (reserved and unreserved) and number of outward passengers handled at the station.**

**A review has been carried out in the year 2017-18 based on the annual passenger earnings (reserved and unreserved) and number of outward passengers handled at station for the year 2016-17. Subsequently, Railway Stations on Indian Railways have been clubbed into 3 groups i.e. Non-Suburban, Suburban and Halt. Further, these groups have been put in grades ranging from Non-Suburbabn Grade (NSG )1-6, Suburban Grade(SG)1-3 & Halt Grade(HG)1-3 respectively. Accordingly, following categories have been formed:**

**CRITERIA FOR CATEGORISATION OF STATIONS FOR PROVISION OF PASSENGER AMENITIES:**

<b>Category of stations</b>	<b>Criteria of Earnings ( in ₹)</b>	<b>Criteria of outward Passengers handled</b>
<b>Non-Suburban stations</b>		
<b>NSG 1</b>	<b>&gt; 500 Crore</b>	<b>&gt; 20 Million</b>
<b>NSG 2</b>	<b>&gt; 100 crore ≤ 500 Crore</b>	<b>&gt;10 Million ≤ 20 Million</b>
<b>NSG 3</b>	<b>&gt; 20 Crore ≤ 100 Crore</b>	<b>&gt; 05 Million ≤ 10 Million</b>
<b>NSG 4</b>	<b>&gt; 10 Crore ≤ 20 Crore</b>	<b>&gt; 02 Million ≤ 05 Million</b>
<b>NSG 5</b>	<b>&gt; 01 Crore ≤ 10 Crore</b>	<b>&gt; 01 Million ≤ 02 Million</b>
<b>NSG 6</b>	<b>≤ 01 Crore</b>	<b>≤ 01 Million</b>
<b>Suburban stations</b>		
<b>SG 1</b>	<b>&gt; 25 Crore</b>	<b>&gt; 30 Million</b>
<b>SG 2</b>	<b>&gt; 10 Crore ≤ 25 Crore</b>	<b>&gt; 10 Million ≤ 30 Million</b>
<b>SG 3</b>	<b>≤ 10 Crore</b>	<b>≤ 10 Million</b>

Halt stations		
<b>HG 1</b>	<b>&gt; 50 lakh</b>	<b>&gt; 03 lakh</b>
<b>HG 2</b>	<b>&gt;05 lakh ≤ 50 lakh</b>	<b>&gt;01 lakh ≤ 03 lakh</b>
<b>HG 3</b>	<b>≤ 05 lakh</b>	<b>≤ 01 lakh</b>

**@ General Managers shall have powers to categorize a station as NSG/4 category if it is a place of Tourist importance and/or is an important junction station.**

**(c): The revenue generated by different Railway Stations in Kannur and Kasargod districts in Kerala:**

District	Station	Annual Earnings (in ₹)	
		2019-20	2020-21
Kannur	Kannur	73,99,15,922	15,83,89,490
	Thalasseri	36,49,63,089	4,35,08,827
	Payyanur	19,11,28,361	2,64,98,272
	Payyangadi	3,16,19,850	41,93,820
	Kannapuram	1,61,70,847	15,07,130
	Valapattinam	25,35,683	2,79,257
	Elimala	12,99,082	86,518
	Pappinisseri	9,63,265	17,265
	Kannur south	8,46,455	14,620
	Jagannath Temple Gate	7,63,725	11,675
	Chirakkal Halt	3,27,575	#
	Dharmadam Halt	4,12,035	#
Kasargod	Kanhangad	15,48,25,404	3,61,98,541
	Kasargod	23,26,11,406	6,28,24,929
	Bekal fort	19,85,166	2,08,659
	Nileshwar	4,40,52,834	60,10,622
	Charavattur	3,53,37,967	57,24,769
	Kumbla	1,13,25,224	17,67,239
	Manjeshwar	87,03,382	18,48,841
	Trikarapur	60,47,327	11,39,363
	Kotikulam	84,37,613	10,25,670
	Uppala	30,57,403	5,39,594
	Kalanad Halt	5,16,020	#
	Chandera Halt	3,44,545	#

**#) – No earnings, since non stoppage of trains due to Covid-19 pandemic.**

**(d) and (e): Provision of stoppage of a train at a station is dependent on factors like operational feasibility, traffic pattern and commercial justification. Factors like population and significance of the town/city, nature of train, availability of alternate service, etc. are also taken into account while considering provision of new stoppages.**

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