

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5648
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022**

RESTORATION OF PASSENGER TRAINS IN KERALA

5648. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Order No. DTP/2022/03/79 (restoration of passenger trains) recently issued by Indian Railways, out of twelve proposals from Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil passenger from Kerala is the only train (No-56311) on the list for restoring passenger trains to the status quo before Covid-19 and all the other trains are in other States;

(b) whether the Government has noticed that ordinary train passengers in all parts of Kerala are still suffering;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is likely to consider the demand of commuters for restoration of passenger trains in Kerala at least in the morning and evening and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Indian Railways do not operate trains on State-wise basis, as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. To prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020. Since November, 2021 Mail/Express trains are being operated with regular numbers as per rationalised time table. Thiruvananthapuram - Nagercoil passenger is scheduled to be operated w.e.f 01.04.2022. As on 30.03.2022, on a daily average basis, 9037 trains which includes 1768 Mail/Express trains, 5437 Suburban trains and 1832 passenger trains were operated over Indian Railways. Besides, passenger train services are being restored in a phased manner.
