

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5692
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022**

PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS OF KERALA

5692. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has plans to introduce more passenger trains in Kannur-Kozhikode and Kozhikode-Thrissur sectors and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government plans to introduce day express trains between Kozhikode and Bangalore, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any new train proposals/railway infrastructure development projects new railway line projects are pending before the Railway Board of Kerala; and**
- (d) if so, the complete details regarding the pending proposals?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5692 BY SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2022 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS OF KERALA

(a) & (b) At present, there is no immediate proposal for introduction of additional trains from Kozhikode to Kannur, Thrisur and Bengaluru. However, introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.

(c) & (d) Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise, as the Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, 8 Projects (2 New Line and 6 Doubling) of total length 439 Km, costing ₹ 9,489 crore falling fully/partly in State of Kerala are under different stage of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 8 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 1,084 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Apart from this, after Survey, Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Semi High Speed Rail Project (530.6 Km) from Thiruvananthapuram to Kasargod has been submitted to Railway Board by Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL), a Joint Venture company of State Govt. of Kerala (51%) and Ministry of Railways (49%). Cost of the project has been assessed as ₹ 63941 Cr. with debt component as ₹ 33700 Cr.

KRDCL has planned this corridor parallel to existing railway track in app. 200 Km length where 10-15 m width of railway land (approx. 185 Hectare) is being utilized by KRDCL for proposed corridor. By this way, no space will be available for any future expansion of Railways including

future 3rd/4th line. Sufficient details for technical feasibility are not available in the DPR submitted. Therefore, KRDCL has been advised to provide detailed technical documents such as alignment plan, particulars of railway land and private land, crossings over existing railway network, duly depicting affected railway asset through Zonal Railway after site verification for detailed examination of the project and to arrive at conclusion about feasibility of project.

Further, consideration of the project will depend upon techno-economic viability of the project.
