

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 246
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

NEW TRAIN SERVICES

***246. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the introduction of overnight train service between Coimbatore-Bengaluru-Coimbatore and train service from Coimbatore-Nagercoil via Podanur-Pollachi and Madurai is under the serious consideration of the Government in Salem Railway division;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these proposals have been pending with the Railways since many years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 246 BY SHRI NATARAJAN P.R. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2022 REGARDING NEW TRAIN SERVICES

(a) & (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no immediate proposal for introduction of new overnight train from Coimbatore to Bengaluru and also from Coimbatore to Nagercoil via Podanur-Pollachi and Madurai. However, 3 trains services are providing overnight connectivity between Coimbatore and Bengaluru. Similarly, Coimbatore - Nagercoil sector (via Erode) is being served by 8 pairs of services. Besides, introduction of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.
