GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2955
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022

MANGALORE TO RAMESHWARAM TRAIN CONNECTIVITY

2955. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Government plans to bring train connectivity between Mangalore and Rameshwaram and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government plans to extend Bangalore-Kannur Express to Kozhikode and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government maintains the list of new trains granted to various States since 2019 and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(d) whether the Government plans to run Vande Bharat trains between Trivandrum and Kozhikode and if so, the details in this regard; and
(e) whether the Government proposes to run any private train between Kozhikode and Trivandrum and Kozhikode and Mangalore, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) No, Sir. At present, there are no such immediate proposals under consideration. However, introduction and extension of train services is an ongoing process.

(c) Indian Railways do not run train services, on State-wise basis as railway network straddles across state boundaries. However, number of train services introduced during the period 1st April 2019 to 31st April 2022 is as under:

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(d) No, Sir. At present, there is no such proposal. However, operation of more Vande Bharat trains, over Indian Railways network, is subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification and availability of rolling stock.

(e) At present, there is no proposal to operate regular train services, including those between Kozhikode and Thiruvananthapuram/Mangalore by private train operator(s).

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