# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

### LOK SABHA

## UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2708 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

#### VANDE BHARAT TRAIN IN KASARGOD

### **2708 SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that lot of Train services are terminated at Kannur (CAN) Railway Station and there are no train services to the North Kerala after 5 pm;

(b) if so, whether the Government considers to extend the train services to North Kerala and provide all facilities in Vande Bharat Train services in Kasargod;

(c) whether it extend many Train services terminated at Kannur(CAN) to Kasargod (KGQ) or Mangalore (MAQ), if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it will allot more coaches to current Train services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### ANSWER

## MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. At present, Kannur-Kasaragod sector is served by 89 train services including four Vande Bharat trains viz. 20631/20632 Mangaluru Central-Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express and 20633/20634 Kasaragod-Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express. Similarly, Kannur-Mangaluru sector is being served by 95 train services including 20631/20632 Mangaluru Central-Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express. Further, Indian Railways also operate special train services during festivals, holidays etc. and augment the load of trains, both on permanent and temporary basis, to cater to additional demands. Moreover, extension and augmentation of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc.

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