

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1581  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

**KOLLAM-SCHENKOTTA RAILWAY LINE**

**1581. SHRI N K PREMACHANDRAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to utilise the Kollam – Schenkotta railway line in its full capacity and if so, the details of action taken thereon;**
- (b) the total amount spent by the Railways for gauge conversion, electrification, station development and other development activities on said railway line during the last ten years;**
- (c) if so, the action taken to utilise the same;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of coaches of trains running on said route and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to increase the speed of the trains through Kollam–Schenkotta route and if so, the details of action taken thereon; and**
- (f) whether the Government proposes to introduce new trains through said railway route and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (f) With a view to optimally utilise the line capacity of the Kollam-Sengottai sector, 10 Mail/Express and 06 passenger trains are presently being operated. Besides, three pairs of train services serving the sector have been augmented to 18 coaches, by addition of coaches. Further, introduction of new trains, speeding up of services and attachment of coaches are an ongoing processes on Indian Railways subject to traffic pattern, operational feasibility and availability of resources etc.**

**Kollam - Punalur - Bhagavathipuram - Sengottai section has large number of sharp curves.**

**Total expenditure for gauge conversion of Kollam-Sengottai section including electrification, station etc. is Rs. 419.42 crore.**

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