

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 269
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025**

NEW TRAINS FROM TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

***269. SHRI T R BAALU:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Tiruchirappalli city which is the headquarter of an important Railways Division, only a couple of Express Trains viz., Rockfort Express and Chozhan Express originate from there;**
- (b) whether it is also a fact that these two trains were launched five decades ago and after that no new Super Fast Express Trains have been started from Tiruchirappalli;**
- (c) if so, the reasons for neglecting this major city with 15 lakh population by the Railways; and**
- (d) whether the Pallavan Express earlier running between Trichy and Egmore would be restored in view of the long demand and if so, the details thereof including the expected time of it's restoration?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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 LOK SABHA
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(a) to (d) Presently, Tiruchchirappalli station is being served by 157 train services including 55 train services originating from/terminating at Tiruchchirappalli. During the period 2020-2021 to 2024-2025 (upto February, 2025), Indian Railways(IR) have introduced 08 new train services and extended 06 train services to cater to the needs of passengers of Tiruchchirappalli. Moreover, IR constantly endeavors to improve connectivity to facilitate passengers *inter alia* by introducing new train services, extending and increasing the frequency of existing train services.

Presently, 12605/12606 Pallavan Express is operating between Chennai Egmore and Karaikkudi via Tiruchchirappalli. Further, Chennai - Tiruchchirappalli sector is presently being served by 27 pairs of train services including 2 pairs of Vande Bharat train services viz. 20627/20628 Chennai Egmore - Nagercoil Vande Bharat Express (introduced w.e.f. 31.08.2024) and 20665/20666 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli Vande Bharat Express (introduced w.e.f. 24.09.2023). Besides, introduction/extension of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, etc.
