

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4246
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

MEMU TRAINS FROM THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

4246. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Southern Railway is changing passenger train services to Mainline Electric Multiple Units (MEMU) trains, operating under the Thiruvananthapuram Railway Division;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to introduce a passenger train or MEMU service between Thiruvananthapuram and Tirunelveli, passing through Neyyattinkara, Parashala and Nagercoil town, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the number of daily train services operating between Thiruvananthapuram and Nagercoil; and**
- (e) the details of the current passenger volumes on the Thiruvananthapuram–Nagercoil, Nagercoil–Tirunelveli and Nagercoil–Chennai segments?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (e) At present, Thiruvananthapuram – Neyyattinkara – Parassala - Nagercoil - Tirunelveli sector is being catered by 14 train services while 26 daily train services are catering to the needs of Thiruvananthapuram - Nagercoil sector.

Besides, conversion of passenger trains into MEMU and Introduction of new train services, including MEMU trains, is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.

Further, the passenger volume over various sections of Indian Railways including Thiruvananthapuram - Nagercoil, Nagercoil - Tirunelveli, and Nagercoil - Chennai sections is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. During peak rush periods, the occupancy of the trains especially on popular routes remains full whereas during lean period and on less popular routes, there is sub optimal utilization.

However, the current passenger volumes on the Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil, Nagercoil-Tirunelveli and Nagercoil-Chennai segments are as under:-

Sector	Average Number of Passengers / Day travelling in the sector
Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil	12,942
Nagercoil-Tirunelveli	1,559
Nagercoil-Chennai	34,954
