

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1767
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS BETWEEN ERNAKULAM-KOLLAM

1767. SHRI K C VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the heavy passenger traffic along the Ernakulam-Kollam coastal route stretch in Kerala, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to address these concerns;**
- (b) the details of new trains introduced during the last three years in the southern division;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to introduce new passenger trains or Vande Bharat trains along the coastal route of Kerala particularly the Ernakulam - Kollam stretch, wherein the passenger traffic is at its peak, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the delay in the allocation of new Memu rakes to the Trivandrum division and if so, the details of the expected timeline for the same?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Ernakulam – Kollam route is a well patronized sector. At present, it is being served by 132 train services including 02 Vande Bharat train services.

Further, during the period 2022-23 to 2025-26 (till June 2025), Indian Railways on originating/terminating basis, have introduced 48 new train services including 22 Vande Bharat train services, catering to the needs of various stations located in the Southern Railway. Moreover, introduction of train services including Vande Bharat train services and allotment of MEMU rakes are continuous and on-going processes on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.
