

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4418
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

UPGRADATION OF PONMALAI RAILWAY HOSPITAL

4418. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Ponmalai Railway Hospital is presently facing staff shortage and limited infrastructure;**
- (b) if so, whether any proposals have been received or are under consideration to upgrade the hospital into a full-fledged multi-specialty facility to serve the increasing number of railway employees, pensioners and their families in the Southern Railway zone;**
- (c) the details of the present number of sanctioned posts and vacancies for medical officers and specialists in the Ponmalai Railway Hospital;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to equip the hospital with modern diagnostic equipment, improved inpatient facilities and emergency care units; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the timeline and budgetary allocation proposed for the upgradation of this crucial healthcare institution in Tiruchirappalli?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Divisional Railway Hospital, Tiruchirappalli (Ponmalai) is a 197 bedded hospital. The hospital is a well established multi specialty health care centre having adequate infrastructure, including an eight

bedded Intensive Care Unit (ICU), six Operation Theatres and six wards to cater to the medical care needs of railway beneficiaries residing in the area.

16 railway doctors are posted, as per sanctioned strength, in the hospital. These doctors provide specialized treatment in General Surgery, Orthopaedic, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Anaesthesiology, General Medicine, Paediatrics and Dermatology. In addition to this, facility of Honorary Visiting Specialists (HVS) is also available in Cardiology, Neurology, Psychiatry, Neurosurgery, Laparoscopic surgery, Oncology, Urology and Oral & Maxillo-facial surgery. To provide optimal clinical care, facility of referral to private empanelled hospitals and diagnostic centres is also available based on requirement of patient.

Modern diagnostic equipment and emergency care units are available to cater to the medical care needs of railway beneficiaries. Up-gradation of railway hospitals is an ongoing process based on development in medical science and healthcare requirements of railway beneficiaries.
