

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 664
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

RESUMPTION OF DIRECT TRAIN SERVICE

664. DR. RANI SRIKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the delay in resuming direct passenger train services on the Tirunelveli–Pavoorchatram–Tenkasi–Kollam route despite the completion of gauge conversion in 2018;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether any timeline has been established for the resumption of these train services to alleviate the hardships faced by daily commuters and the local population; and**
- (d) the details of the steps being taken to address the concerns raised by the residents of Tenkasi district and ensure timely restoration of the train services?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) At present, Tirunelveli – Pavurchatram – Sengottai - Tenkasi - Kollam sector is presently being served by the daily service of 16791/16792 Tuticorin – Palakkad Palaruvi Express. Further, 14 train services are catering to the needs of Tirunelveli - Sengottai sector and 16 train services are catering to the needs of Sengottai - Kollam sector.

Besides, introduction of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc.
