

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1681  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025**

**OVERCROWDING/SHORTAGE OF COACHES CONSTRAINTS ON PALAKKAD  
DIVISION**

**1681. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of severe overcrowding and inadequate seating capacity on major trains operating through Kasaragod–Kannur–Kozhikode–Mangalore routes and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase coach composition, add special services and improve rake allocation for Palakkad Division; and**
- (c) the monitoring mechanism and timeframe for providing measurable relief to daily commuters and long distance passengers? whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the demand-supply gap and proposes to introduce additional services, extended rakes or new coaches to ease congestion and if so, the details thereof;**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c): On Indian Railways, occupancy pattern of trains 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. At present, Kozhikode and Mangaluru Central stations are being served by 114 and 58 train services respectively. Both the stations are served by 4 Vande Bharat train services. Further,**

**Kozhikode – Mangaluru sector is presently being served by 47 pairs of train services including 2 Vande Bharat train services.**

**Furthermore, traffic pattern of the passengers on Indian Railways is monitored on regular basis and in its constant endeavour to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers, Indian Railways (IR), operates Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. to cater to the extra needs of passengers and supplement the accommodation available by regular services. In addition to the above, the load of trains are also augmented, both on a permanent and temporary basis, to generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers.**

**Accordingly, on the Indian Railways (IR) network, during Year 2025-26 (till October 2025), 52731 special trains were operated and 660 coaches have been utilized for augmentation of train services on a permanent basis.**

**Moreover, Indian Railways (IR) has significantly increased the facilities for passengers demanding general/sleeper class travel. During the last financial year 2024-25 alone, 1250 general coaches have been utilised in various long-distance trains.**

**To cater to the peak season and festival rush, 492 trips of extra coaches, on Palakkad Division, have been attached on temporary basis, to generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers of the section. Presently, all the 19 pairs of trains serving the Kasaragod – Kozhikode – Kannur – Mangaluru sector, are being operated with minimum 4 GS Coaches.**

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