

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2921
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT KEERANUR RAILWAY STATION IN TAMIL NADU

2921. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government considers providing a stoppage for Train Nos. 16751/16752 Rameswaram–Chennai Egmore Express (Boat Mail) at Keeranur, in view of consistent public representations and long-standing passenger demand as Keeranur Railway Station serves as an important halt for surrounding villages, educational institutions and industrial establishments and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government intends to take early steps to approve at least a one-minute stoppage at Keeranur in order to benefit students, office-goers and the general travelling public from the region and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government considers establishing an Integrated Unreserved Ticketing System (IUTS) counter or Passenger Reservation System (PRS) facility at Keeranur Railway Station to cater to the increasing number of daily and long-distance travellers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Keeranur station is presently served by 2 Mail/Express and 6 Passenger train services (listed below) which provide connectivity *inter alia* to cities like Rameswaram, Karaikkudi, etc.

- 1. 16849/16850 Tiruchchirappalli - Rameswaram Express.**
- 2. 56803/56804 Tiruchchirappalli - Karaikkudi Passenger.**
- 3. 56815/56816 Tiruchchirappalli - Karaikkudi DEMU Passenger.**
- 4. 56831/56832 Tiruchchirappalli - Karaikudi Passenger.**

Presently, 16751/16752 Rameswaram–Chennai Egmore Express has scheduled stoppage at Tiruchichirappalli station which is located near Keeranur and is served by 155 train services.

To serve Keeranur area, the PRS facility is presently available at Tiruchichirappalli station and Pudukkottai station on either side of Keeranur station.

Moreover, opening of a new ticket counter at any station depends on anticipated footfall, daily ticket sales, availability of PRS nearby etc.

Further, Railways has also recently launched RailOne App. This App enables passengers to book reserved as well as unreserved tickets on mobile phones. This, in effect, brings the PRS facility to the passenger's palm. Further, about 87% of the reserved tickets are now being booked online.

Similarly, provision of stoppages of train services depends on the traffic justification, operational feasibility including availability of extra time on the section & availability of matching infrastructure such as Platform length etc.
