

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3136
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2026**

EXTENSION OF 66601/02 COIMBATORE-ERODE MEMU TRAIN

3136. SHRI K E PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal under consideration to extend the 66601/02 Coimbatore–Erode MEMU train service up to Salem via Karur and Namakkal;**
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal and the present status of its examination;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware that such an extension would significantly benefit students from Kumarapalayam, Namakkal due to improved daily commuting facilities; and**
- (d) whether the Government also recognizes that the proposed extension would facilitate pilgrims visiting the temples in Namakkal and improve regional connectivity and if so, the steps being taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) At present, Coimbatore - Erode - Karur sector and Karur - Salem sector are being served by 10 pairs and 20 pairs of train services respectively. These are listed below:

Train serving Coimbatore - Erode - Karur sector:

Sl.	Train No. and Name
1	12083/12084 Mayiladuturai - Coimbatore Jan Shatabdi Express

2	16615/16616 Mannargudi - Coimbatore Express
3	16617/16618 Rameswaram - Coimbatore Express
4	16159/16160 Chennai Egmore - Mangalore Central Express
5	16843/16844 Tiruchchirappalli - Palakkad Town Express
6	16321/16322 Nagercoil Junction - Coimbatore Express
7	16187/16188 Karaikal - Ernakulam Express
8	16857/16858 Puducherry - Mangalore Central Express
9	22667/22668 Nagercoil Junction - Coimbatore Express
10	22629/22630 Dadar - Tirunelveli Express

Train serving Karur - Salem sector:

Sl.	Train No. and Name
1	11021/11022 Dadar - Tirunelveli Express
2	12689/12690 MGR Chennai Central - Kanniyakumari Express
3	16231/16232 Cuddalore Port - Mysore Express
4	16235/16236 Tuticorin - Mysore Express
5	16339/16340 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Nagercoil Junction Express
6	16353/16354 Kacheguda - Nagercoil Junction Express
7	16733/16734 Rameswaram - Okha Express

8	16787/16788 Tirunelveli - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
9	16811/16812 Mayiladuturai - Salem Express
10	17235/17236 SMVT Bengaluru - Nagercoil Junction Express
11	17315/17316 Vasco Da Gama - Velankanni Express
12	19567/19568 Tuticorin - Okha Express
13	20493/20494 Madurai - Chandigarh Express
14	20601/20602 MGR Chennai Central - Bodinayakanur Express
15	20671/20672 Madurai - Bengaluru Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
16	22497/22498 Shri Ganganagar - Tiruchchirappalli Humsafar Express
17	22651/22652 MGR Chennai Central - Palakkad Express
18	22715/22716 Kacheguda - Madurai Express
19	76821/76822 Salem - Karur Passenger
20	76823/76824 Salem - Karur Passenger

Besides, introduction/extension of train services on any route/section, which is an ongoing process, depends on various factors which include:

- **Capacity of that section.**
- **Availability of path.**
- **Availability of required rolling stock.**
- **Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock.**
- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets.**