

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 199
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.2016**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA

199. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken any initiative to commence three important Railway projects in Kerala i.e. Sabari rail, Thiruvananthapuram-Cheng-Annur sub-urban trains and Nilambur-Nanjangud;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways have made any pilot survey in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 199 BY SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.02.2016 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA

(a) to (d): Details of the three projects are as under:-

Angamali-Sabarimala	This project has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹ 1566 crore. Track linking on Angamali-Kaladi section (7 Km) has been completed. Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up in Kaladi-Perumbavoor section (11 Km).
Thiruvananthapuram-Chengannur Sub Urban Trains	At present, there is no proposal to introduce suburban trains on Thiruvananthapuram-Chengannur section.
Nilambur-Nanjangud	Survey for construction of this new line was completed in May, 2013. As per the survey report, cost of construction of 236 Km. long new line has been assessed as ₹ 4266.87 crore with a negative rate of return of 1%. However, this project could not be taken forward due to its unremunerative nature, heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds for new line projects.
