

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 653  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2026**

**IMPROVEMENT OF RAILWAY SERVICES IN KASARAGOD**

**653. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals for additional train stoppages, extension of train services and improvement of passenger amenities in Kasaragod district;**
- (b) if so, the present status of such proposals;**
- (c) whether any station redevelopment, platform extension or accessibility works have been sanctioned for Kasaragod and nearby stations during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve train connectivity between North Kerala, Karnataka and major metropolitan cities?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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**(a) to (d) Proposals/requests/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal *inter alia* for stoppage of train services are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/requests/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time, which is an on-going process.**

**Moreover, as the Railway network straddles across State/district boundaries, trains are operated and stoppages are provided as per network requirements, across such boundaries.**

**With a view to facilitate the passengers of various stations located in Kasaragod district of Keralam the following have been undertaken:**

- 1. Stoppage of 16649/16650 Mangaluru Central - Kanniyakumari Parasuram Express at Manjeshwar station (w.e.f. 16.03.2026).**
- 2. Stoppage of 16329/16330 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Jn. Amrit Bharat Express at Nileshwar and Kanhagad stations (both w.e.f. 17.03.2026).**
- 3. Stoppage of 16336 Nagercoil - Gandhidham Express at Kanhagad station (w.e.f. 19.08.2025).**
- 4. Extension of 16511/16512 K.S.R Bengaluru - Kannur Express (operating via Kasaragod - Kanhagad - Nileshwar) upto Kozhikode (w.e.f. 15.03.2026)**
- 5. Extension of 16610 Mangaluru Central - Kozhikode Express (operating via Manjeshwar - Kumbla - Kasaragod - Kotikulam - Kanhagad - Nileshwar - Charvattur) upto Palakkad (w.e.f. 16.03.2026).**

**Furthermore, during 2025-26 and 2026-27(upto June, 2026), to cater to the needs of stations located in the States of Keralam and Karnataka, Indian Railways, on originating/terminating basis, have introduced 22 train services and 90 train services respectively. These are listed below:**

**Trains serving Keralam:**

| <b>SN</b> | <b>Train No. and Name</b>                                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>26651/26652 KSR Bengaluru - Ernakulam Jn. Vande Bharat Express</b>         |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>16121/16122 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express</b> |

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| <b>3</b>  | <b>17041/17042 Charlapalli - Thiruvananthapuram North Amrit Bharat Express</b> |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>16313/16314 Thiruvananthapuram North - Mangaluru Jn. Antyodaya Express</b>  |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>18501/18502 Visakhapatnam - Kollam Express</b>                              |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>16363/16364 Ernakulam - Velankanni Express</b>                              |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>16611 Palakkad - Kannur Express</b>                                         |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>56115/56116 Thrissur - Guruvayur Passenger</b>                              |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>66325/66326 Nilambur Road - Shoranur MEMU</b>                               |
| <b>10</b> | <b>66623/66624 Palakkad - Pollachi MEMU</b>                                    |
| <b>11</b> | <b>66327/66328 Ernakulam - Kollam MEMU</b>                                     |
| <b>12</b> | <b>56632 Kannur - Kozhikode Passenger</b>                                      |

**Trains serving Karnataka:**

| <b>SN</b> | <b>Train No. and Name</b>                                             |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>26651/26652 KSR Bengaluru - Ernakulam Jn. Vande Bharat Express</b> |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>26751/26752 Belagavi - KSR Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express</b>      |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>16329/16330 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Jn. Amrit Bharat Express</b>     |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>16597/16598 SMVT Bengaluru - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express</b>   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>10109/10110 Madgaon - Karwar Express</b>                           |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>11085/11086 SMVT Bengaluru - Gwalior Express</b>                   |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>16223/16224 SMVT Bengaluru - Radhikapur Express</b>                |

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| <b>8</b>  | <b>16313/16314 Thiruvananthapuram North - Mangaluru Jn. Antyodaya Express</b> |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>16523/16524 SMVT Bengaluru - Balurghat Express</b>                         |
| <b>10</b> | <b>16547/16548 Yesvantpur - Vijayapura Express</b>                            |
| <b>11</b> | <b>16553/16554 SMVT Bengaluru - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express</b>                |
| <b>12</b> | <b>16555/16556 Yesvantpur - Talguppa Express</b>                              |
| <b>13</b> | <b>16559/16560 SMVT Bengaluru - Bidar Express</b>                             |
| <b>14</b> | <b>16563/16564 Bengaluru Cantt. - Kalaburagi Express</b>                      |
| <b>15</b> | <b>16621/16622 Rameswaram - Mangaluru Central Express</b>                     |
| <b>16</b> | <b>16707/16708 Mangaluru Jn - Tirunelveli Express</b>                         |
| <b>17</b> | <b>17071/17072 Hyderabad - Belagavi Express</b>                               |
| <b>18</b> | <b>17073/17074 Secunderabad - Belagavi Express</b>                            |
| <b>19</b> | <b>17075/17076 Charlapalli - Belagavi Express</b>                             |
| <b>20</b> | <b>17289/17290 Kakinada Town - Mysuru Express</b>                             |
| <b>21</b> | <b>17327/17328 Hubballi - Kushtagi Express</b>                                |
| <b>22</b> | <b>17377/17378 Vijayapura - Mangaluru Central Express</b>                     |
| <b>23</b> | <b>17423/17424 Tirupati - Chikkamagaluru Express</b>                          |
| <b>24</b> | <b>18063/18064 Santragachi - Yelahanka Express</b>                            |
| <b>25</b> | <b>18509/18510 Vishakapatnam - SMVT Bengaluru Express</b>                     |
| <b>26</b> | <b>19057/19058 Surat - Mangaluru Jn. Express</b>                              |
| <b>27</b> | <b>20687/20688 Hubballi - KSR Bengaluru Express</b>                           |

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| <b>28</b> | <b>51461/51462 Belagavi - Miraj Passenger</b>            |
| <b>29</b> | <b>51463/51464 Belagavi - Miraj Passenger</b>            |
| <b>30</b> | <b>56229/56230 KSR Bengaluru - Channapatna Passenger</b> |
| <b>31</b> | <b>56231/56232 Mysuru - SMVT Bengaluru Passenger</b>     |
| <b>32</b> | <b>56531/56532 Yesvantpur - Hindupur Passenger</b>       |
| <b>33</b> | <b>56919/56920 Hubballi - Vijayapura Passenger</b>       |
| <b>34</b> | <b>66501/66502 Hubballi - Vijayapura MEMU</b>            |
| <b>35</b> | <b>66525/66526 KSR Bengaluru - Hassan MEMU</b>           |
| <b>36</b> | <b>66537/66538 Bangarapet - SMVT Bengaluru MEMU</b>      |
| <b>37</b> | <b>66539/66540 KSR Bengaluru - Ashokapuram MEMU</b>      |
| <b>38</b> | <b>66595/66596 Yesvantpur - Hosur MEMU</b>               |
| <b>39</b> | <b>66597/66598 KSR Bengaluru - Ashokapuram MEMU</b>      |
| <b>40</b> | <b>76501/76502 Alnavar - Dandeli DEMU</b>                |
| <b>41</b> | <b>76503/76504 Alnavar - Dandeli DEMU</b>                |
| <b>42</b> | <b>76505/76506 Alnavar - Dandeli DEMU</b>                |
| <b>43</b> | <b>76507/76508 Hosapete - Hubballi DEMU</b>              |
| <b>44</b> | <b>76509/76510 Ballari - Davangere DEMU</b>              |
| <b>45</b> | <b>76511/76512 Hosapete - Ballari DEMU</b>               |

**Besides, provision of stoppage/extension/introduction of train services, which is an on-going process, depends on the traffic justification, operational feasibility, competing demands etc.**

**Passenger amenities:**

**Kasargod station, located in Keralam, has been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Development works at this station have been taken up at a good pace. The works of improvements of station building, new entrance porch, improvements of booking office and concourse, improvement of platform surface of platform no. 2 & 3, improvements of circulating area and parking, improvement of waiting hall, toilets, platform shelters, lifts, installation of Coach Indication Board and improvement of amenities for Divyangjan have been completed. The works of extension of platform no. 1, 6 m wide foot over bridge, escalator and parking at second entry have been taken up.**

**Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station is carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.**

**Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.**

**The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations of Indian Railways. The master planning, keeping in view the necessity of each station, includes:**

- Improvement of access to station and circulating areas**
- Integration of station with both sides of city**
- Improvement of station building**
- Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths**
- Provision of wider foot over bridge/subway to commensurate with passenger traffic**
- Provision of lifts/escalators/ramps**

- **Improvement of platform surface/ provision of platform shelter**
- **Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’**
- **Parking development**
- **Amenities for Divyangjans**
- **Better passenger information systems**
- **Provision of air concourse, executive lounges, Multimodal integration, landscaping, etc.**

**The scheme also envisages sustainable and environment friendly solutions etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of a city centre at the station in the long term.**

**So far, 1,340 stations have been identified for development under this scheme, out of which 35 stations, including Kasargod station of Kasargod district, are located in Keralam. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Keralam are as following:**

| <b>State</b>   | <b>No. of Stations</b> | <b>Names of Stations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Keralam</b> | <b>35</b>              | <b>Alappuzha, Angadippuram, Angamali For Kaladi, Chalakudi, Changanassery, Chengannur, Chirayinkeezh, Ernakulam, Ernakulam Town, Ettumanur, Feroke, Guruvayur, Kannur, Kasargod, Kayankulam Jn, Kollam Jn, Kozhikode, Kuttippuram, Mavelikara, Neyyattinkara, Nilambur Road, Ottappalam, Parappanangadi, Payyanur, Punalur, Shoranur Jn., Thalassery, Thiruvananthapuram Central, Thirur, Tirur, Tiruvalla, Tripunithura, Vadakara, Varkala Shivagiri, Wadakancheri</b> |

#### **Completed Stations:**

**Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme**

in Keralam have been taken up at a good pace. The detail of stations completed in Keralam is as given below:

| State   | No. of Stations | Name of Stations                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Keralam | 16              | Angamali for Kaladi, Chalakudi, Changanassery, Chirayinkeezh, Feroke, Guruvayur, Kuttippuram, Mavelikara, Nilambur Road, Parappanangadi, Shoranur Junction, Thalassery, Tirur, Tripunithura, Vadakara, Wadakkancheri |

The activities for development at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations is as given below:

- **Kozhikode station:** The structural works of multi level car parking-I & II, East terminal building, West terminal building, staff quarters, railway health unit and railway office building have been taken up.
- **Angadippuram station:** The works of improvement of station building with new porch, concourse, booking office, platform shelter, improvement of platform surface of platform no. 1 & 2, waiting hall, toilet, improvement of circulating area, parking, approach road, installation of Coach Indication Board, Train Indication Board, signages and lift have been completed. The work of 6 m wide foot over bridge has been taken up.
- **Payyanur station:** The works of raising of platform no. 2 & 3, platform shelter, improvement of concourse, booking office, waiting hall, improvement of circulating area at second entry, parking, installation of Coach Indication Board and Train Indication Board have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, improvement of circulating area at main entry, amenities of Divyangjan, 6 m wide foot over bridge and lift have been taken up.
- **Kollam Junction station:** The works of service building, multi level car parking and parcel building have been completed. The works of 12 m

**wide foot over bridge, air concourse, North terminal building, South terminal building and platform upgradation have been taken up.**

- **Varkala Shivagiri station: The structural works of main station building, second entry station building, air concourse, 6 m wide foot over bridge at Kollam end, sewage treatment plant, platform shelter and electrical substation have been taken up.**

**Indian Railways is committed to make its railway stations accessible for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility as part of “Sugamya Bharat Mission” or ‘Accessible India Campaign’ of Government of India. In compliance of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, “Guidelines on accessibility of Indian Railway stations and facilities at stations for differently abled persons (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility” have been circulated and notified in the Gazette of India. The guidelines include provisions of facilities for Divyangjans and passengers with reduced mobility such as entrance ramps, accessible parking, low height ticket counters/help booths, toilets, drinking water booths, subways/foot over bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for visual impairment, etc. which have been taken up for implementation in a phased manner and on the principles of reasonable accommodation.**

**Development / upgradation / modernisation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 ‘Customer Amenities’. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise, or station-wise or state-wise. Keralam is covered under the jurisdiction of Southern railway. For this zones, an allocation of ₹ 3,451 crore has been made for the last three years and current financial year 2026-27, out of which an expenditure (up to June, 2026) of ₹ 3,438 crore has been incurred so far.**

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