

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1059  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

**DOUBLING OF THANJAVUR-MAYILADUTHURAI-VILLUPURAM RAILWAY  
TRACK**

**1059. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:**

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

- (a) whether the preliminary survey report for doubling of Thanjavur- Mayiladuthurai-Villupuram railway track has been submitted to the competent authority, if so, the reasons for the delay in submitting the report and the time by which the work on the project is slated to commence;**
- (b) the time by which the special express trains will be converted as ordinary passenger trains in the Trichy division of Southern Railway and the reasons for delay in restoring such ordinary passenger trains which were cancelled during COVID Pandemic despite withdrawal of travel restrictions; and**
- (c) whether the Railways has any proposal to replace the existing short distance trains in Trichy railway division with Vande Metro trains to effect speedy movement and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1059 BY SHRI RAMALINGAM S.TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING DOUBLING OF THANJAVUR-MAYILADUTHURAI-VILLUPURAM RAILWAY TRACK**

**(a): Preliminary survey for doubling of Villupuram - Mayiladuthurai – Thanjavur (193 Km) has been sanctioned. Field survey has been completed and preparation of survey report has been taken up.**

**(b): With a view to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued the operation of all regular passenger carrying trains with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 and only special train services were being operated. Since November-2021, Mail/express train services are being operated as per rationalized timetable and regular numbers. The passenger services are being operationalised in a phased manner.**

**(c): Introduction of trains on Indian Railways including Vande Bharat Trains is an ongoing process subject to operation feasibility, traffic justification and availability of resources.**

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