

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1396
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

KOZHIKODE RAILWAY STATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

1396 SHRI M K RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps envisaged by the Government to alleviate the overcrossing rush in the Kozhikode-Banglore rail route;**
- (b) whether the Government has data regarding the percentage of progress on Kozhikode railway station Redevelopment project, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has noticed heavy rush during the office/School going hours in North Kerala, if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the same;**
- (d) whether the Government plans to introduce new trains in the Kozhikode Bangalore segment including Vande Bharat;**
- (e) the expected time to declare extension of Bangalore-Mangalore-Kannur train to Kozhikode and introduction of Mangalore Rameswaram train via Palakkad; and**
- (f) whether the Government plans to extend Goa- Mangalore Vande Bharat, which is running on loss to Coimbatore via Kozhikode?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1396 BY SHRI M K RAGHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING KOZHIKODE RAILWAY STATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

(a) to (f) As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. At present, 2 pairs of trains serve the Bengaluru - Kozhikode sector. Further, in its constant endeavour to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers, Indian Railway (IR), also operates Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. and augments the load of trains, both on permanent and temporary basis, to cater to additional demand. However, introduction and extension of trains including Vande Bharat trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources etc.

Ministry of Railways has launched the Amrit Bharat Station scheme for development of Stations on Indian Railways. So far, 1324 Railway stations including 35 stations in the state of Kerala have been identified for development under this scheme. Kozhikode Railway Station falling in the state of Kerala has also been identified under this scheme. Tender for redevelopment of Kozhikode Railway Station has been awarded and the works have started.

This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

Further, development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, air-port clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, ofc cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, encroachments, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time.
