

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3782  
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2001  
DOUBLING OF KOCHI-KAYAMKULAM RAIL LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal with the Government to shift the doubling of railway line from Kochi to Kayamkulam via Alappuzha instead of original proposal via Kottayam; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to completed electrification of railway line from Kochi to Trivandrum?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a): There is no such proposal.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Electrification of Ernakulam-Cochin Harbour Terminus is a part of Electrification Project of Erode-Ernakulam-Cochin. Electrification upto Ernakulam has already been completed. Work between Ernakulam and Cochin Harbour Terminus could not be taken up due to non-clearance from Naval authorities. The electrification of Ernakulam-Trivendrum section is sanctioned as a separate work. The preparatory work for this section has started. This work is targeted to be completed by March 2004.