

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5646  
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001  
PROPOSALS FROM KERALA  
MINATISEN

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

- (a) the expansion of Railway lines in various States during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the criteria/norms adopted by the Government for introducing various lines and trains in the States;
- (c) whether the Government have received requests from the Government of Kerala for expansion of rail lines and introduction of various trains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5646 BY SHRIMAT MINATISEN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2001 REGARDING PROPOSALS FROM KERALA.

(a): New lines completed during the last three years, state-wise is as under:-

State	New line completed during last 3 years (in Km.)
Andhra Pradesh	67
Assam	124
Gujarat	59
Madhya Pradesh	82
Orissa	153
West Bengal	58
Total	543

(b): Criteria/norms adopted for construction of new lines is as under:-

- (i) Project oriented lines to serve new industries for tapping mineral and other resources;
- (ii) Missing links for completing alternative routes to relieve congestion on existing saturated routes;
- (iii) Lines required for strategic reasons; and
- (iv) Lines for establishment of new growth centers or giving access to remote areas.

Criteria/norms adopted for introducing trains are given as under:-

Introduction of new passenger carrying trains depends upon many factors like availability of coaches, facilities for repairing and maintaining the stock for services to be safe and satisfactory, quantum of traffic, line capacity and terminal constraints, repercussions on essential freight traffic, development of infrastructure and availability of resources.

(c) to (e): Details are given in Appendix.

## APPENDIX

(c) to (e): Requests received from Government of Kerala for expansion of rail lines and action thereon are as under:-

Sl.No. Request	Action Taken
1. Cochin-Madurai rail	Due to acute resource line constraints being faced by the Railways, it has not been considered feasible to take up this project.
2. Takazhy-Pathanamthitta via Thiruvalla	Survey has been completed. However, due to remunerative nature of the project and acute resource constraints being faced by the Railways, it has not been found possible to consider this project at present.
3. Guruvayur-Kunnamkulam- Kuttipuram rail line	This work has already been included in the budget. However, work would be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearances for which necessary action has already been initiated.
4. Nanjagud-Nilambur via Meppadi	Due to acute resource constraints being faced by the Railways, it has not been considered feasible to take up this project.

The information regarding requests from the Government of Kerala for introduction of trains is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.