

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:568  
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NEW RAILWAY DIVISION AT SALEM  
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

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

- (a) whether the new Railway Division at Salem has started functioning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that the Salem Division is grappling with inadequate staff and also facing difficulties without adequate accommodation;
- (d) if so, the details along with the action taken by the Railways thereon; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRIR. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Salem Division has become operational and started functioning with effect from 1.11.2007.

(c) to (e): At present there are 232 staff including 25 officers on the rolls of Salem Division. Further options are being called from employees to meet the balance requirements.  
For providing adequate accommodation to the staff a work for `Setting up of new Division at Salem` at a cost of Rs.20 crore has been sanctioned in the year 2007-08. The work comprises of construction of office building, staff quarters and other minimum infrastructure. Meanwhile, office of the Division is functioning from temporary accommodation of 1100 sqm. Another building of 150 sqm. is also being renovated to augment office accommodation.