

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRAINS FROM CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether train services have resumed in the Chennai-Thanjavur broad gauge line, via Mayavaram and Kumbakonam;
- (b) if so, the number of trains running in this route;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of trains running in this route;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to restore the Rockfort Express to its original route (i.e. Trichy-Chennai-Trichy) after resumption of Chennai-Thanjavur broad gauge line; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) At present, 8 pairs of Mail/Express trains are running between Chennai and Thanjavur via Mayiladuturai (Mayavaram) and Kumbakonam.

(c) & (d) No, Madam. At present, introduction of additional train between Chennai and Thanjavur via Mayiladuturai (Mayavaram) and Kumbakonam is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

(e) & (f) 16177/16178 Rockfort Express is presently running between Chennai and Kumbakonam via Tiruchchirappalli. Running the service between Chennai and Tiruchchirappalli is not desirable as it would deprive the existing users of the service between Tiruchchirappalli and Kumbakonam.