

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4405

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NEW TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal of introducing a fast passenger train from Durgapur to Howrah is long pending;
- (b) if so, whether a detailed survey has already been conducted for the said purpose;
- (c) if so, the proposed date of introduction of the train;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to introduce new train service between Keonjhar and Kolkata;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto;
- (f) the present status of three MEMU Trains announced for Kerala in the last rail budget and the reasons for delay in starting of these trains; and (g) the time by which the said trains are likely to be operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a) & (b) No, Madam.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No, Madam. At present there is no such proposal.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) & (g) 66304/66305 Kollam-Nagercoil MEMU (6 days a week) has already been introduced w.e.f. 01.12.2012. Introduction of MEMU services between Palakkad-Coimbatore-Erode and Ernakulam-Thrisur have also been announced in the Railway Budget, 2012-13. Trains announced in the Railway Budget are introduced during the course of financial year.