

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISCONTINUATION OF TRAIN AFTER GAUGE CONVERSION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a train was operating between Chennai and Mayiladudurai before conversion of Metre gauge line to Broad gauge line;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not restoring the above railways service after above conversion to Broad gauge line;
- (c) the steps taken to restore and modernise the above service via Chidambaram, Cuddalore, Virdhachalam on above railway line; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Prior to gauge conversion, there was no exclusive train between Chennai Egmore and Mayiladutturai. However, 5 pairs of Express trains and 7 pairs of passenger trains were operated from Chennai Egmore via Mayiladutturai to various destinations.

After gauge conversion, at present, 13 pairs of Express trains and 4 pairs of Passenger trains are operated from Chennai Egmore via Cuddalore-Chidambaram-Mayiladutturai to various destinations.