

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2563

ANSWERED ON:06.02.2014

NEW TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of new trains made operational during the last three years and the current year and the total number of rail lines laid for increasing trains;
- (b) the steps initiated by the Railways to streamline train traffic and introduce required rail routes to avert accidents/delays;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to introduce new trains to Bangalore from Trivandrum, Cochin and Calicut, to meet passenger load and introduce tourist coaches in Kerala bound trains as well as tourist lounges in major railway stations in Kerala and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the daily trains and weekly trains plying between Bangalore and various destinations from Kerala;
- (d) the total number of trains with their names running on weekly/alternative day basis in Tamil Nadu and passing through Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) the details of proposals received from public representatives from Tamil Nadu/Government of Tamil Nadu to increase the frequency of all such trains in near future and the action taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2563 BY SHRI RUDRA MADHAB RAY AND SHRI MANICKA TAGORE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.02.2014 REGARDING NEW TRAINS.

(a): During the last three years (2010-11 to 2012-13), 818 (in single) new Mail/Express/ Passenger/MEMU/DEMU trains were made operational. During the current year 2013-14, 232 (in single) new trains have been made operational as on 30.01.2014. During the last three years i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13, 1937 Kms. of New Line and 2226 Kms. of Doubling/Multiple lines have been added to the existing Railway network. For the year 2013-14, 450 Kms. of new line and 700 Kms. of Doubling/Multiple lines have been targeted.

(b): Efforts are being made to introduce greater number of trains on non-saturated lines. Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent accidents and to enhance safety. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signaling and interlocking systems, safety drives, and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Use of technology is also resorted to prevent accidents include provision of Block Proving Axle Counters (BPAC), Auxiliary Warning System (AWS), Vigilance Control Device (VCD), Train Protection Warning System (TPWS), Train Collision Avoidance System/Anti Collision Device (ACD), etc.

(c): Introduction of new train services is on-going process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources. At present, there is no proposal to introduce new trains to Bangalore from Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi (Cochin). However, 16565/16566 Bangalore – Mangalore Express (Weekly) via Kozhikode announced in the Railway Budget 2013-14 has been introduced. At present, there is no proposal for introduction of tourist coaches in Kerala bound trains and setting up tourist lounges in major railway stations in Kerala.

(d): Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise basis as railway network and operations run across state boundaries.

(e): Large number of proposals are received at various levels of railway administration and action as found feasible & justified is taken subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc. However, compendium of such proposals is not maintained by Indian Railways.