

Year	Odisha (₹ in crore)	Chhattisgarh (₹ in crore)
2018-19 (upto June 2018)	Nil	0.06
	7.40	1.89
TOTAL	9.29	

Unsafe and unclean condition of railway coaches

2060. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the unsafe, unclean and pathetic conditions of railway coaches of trains passing through Kerala; and

(b) if so, whether the Minister would take personal care in order to resolve this sorry state of affairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) The railway coaches running in Kerala are in safe condition. The coaches are given periodic maintenance as per norms wherein all the safety and amenity fittings are examined for good working condition and defective components are repaired or replaced. During maintenance, no compromise with reference to safety related aspects is allowed. Proper cleaning and full watering of all coaches is also ensured during Primary Maintenance. On identified long distance trains, On Board Housekeeping Service (OBHS) has also been provided to tackle cleanliness issues arising in the course of journey.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of trains in Northern Kerala

2061. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of difficulties faced by the passengers of northern Kerala due to the shortage of trains;

(b) whether the Railways have made any survey regarding passengers commuting daily up and down between Kannur and Kozhikode; and

(c) whether Railways would operate a MEMU/passenger train between Kannur and Kozhikode during the peak hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) At present ten passenger trains serve the traffic between Kannur and Kozhikode. Passenger census in unreserved coaches of passenger and Mail/Express trains plying in various sections was undertaken, which revealed that there is a demand for introduction of new train. However, introduction of additional trains between Kannur and Kozhikode is not feasible at present, due to operational and resource constraints.

Introduction of new trains and construction of railway track

2062. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new trains introduced by Railways during the last four years; and

(b) the total length of the railway tracks constructed across the States, including the State of Jammu and Kashmir, in the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) During the last four years *i.e.* from 2014-15 to 2017-18, Indian Railways has introduced 374 Mail/Express trains (excluding Premium Express rechristened as Suvidha Express).

(b) State-wise commissioning of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling including the State of Jammu and Kashmir in the last four years are as under:

State	New Line (km.)	Gauge Conversion (km.)	Doubling (km.)
1	2	3	4
Assam and other NE States	178	1324	0
Andhra Pradesh	221	0	51
Bihar	229	304	165
Chhattisgarh	34	0	257
Gujarat	33	30	244
Haryana	160	0	132
Jammu and Kashmir	25	0	7