

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

1	2	3	4
Jharkhand	436	0	162
Karnataka	240	0	252
Kerala	0	29	42
Madhya Pradesh	235	270	179
Maharashtra	39	0	288
Odisha	118	0	315
Punjab	0	0	106
Rajasthan	73	634	161
Telangana	186	0	25
Tamil Nadu	0	290	441
Uttar Pradesh	262	288	289
Uttarakhand	0	36	0
West Bengal	86	191	461

New MEMU trains in Telangana

2063. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce new MEMU trains in Telangana in view of heavy demand for these trains; and

(b) if so, whether any sectors have been identified in Telangana for these trains and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no such proposal. However, 77291/77292 Vijayawada-Bhadrachallam Road DEMU service has been replaced by MEMU service w.e.f 01.04.2018.

Delayed rail projects for Amritsar

2064. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the present status of Amritsar-Ferozepur railway link, Rego over bridge and Jaura Phatak railway over bridge at Amritsar along with the reasons for delay in the implementation of these projects?