

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 324
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

INCREASING SPEED OF TRAINS IN KERALA

324 SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the average speed of trains in Kerala is too slow;
- (b) whether Government has any action plan to increase the speed to reasonable levels; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 324 BY SHRI K.J. ALPHONS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 01.04.2022 REGARDING INCREASING SPEED OF TRAINS IN KERALA

(a) to (c) Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis as railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, over Southern Railway, which primarily serves the State of Kerala, 179 Express trains and 17 passenger trains have been speeded up / upgraded into Express as a part of rationalization of time table. Besides, speeding up of trains, on Indian Railways (IR), is an on-going exercise. The trains are charted keeping in view the speed potential of the rolling stock used and also the Maximum Permissible Speed of the concerned section. It is also dependent on factors like condition of track, up-gradation of signalling systems and interlocking, up-gradation of rolling stock, availability of double/multiple lines etc, which is also a continuous exercise.
