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Southern Railway

**माननीय सांसदों के साथ महाप्रबंधक की बैठक**  
**Meeting of General Manager with**  
**Hon'ble Members of Parliament**

तिरुवनंतपुरम मंडल  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM  
DIVISION



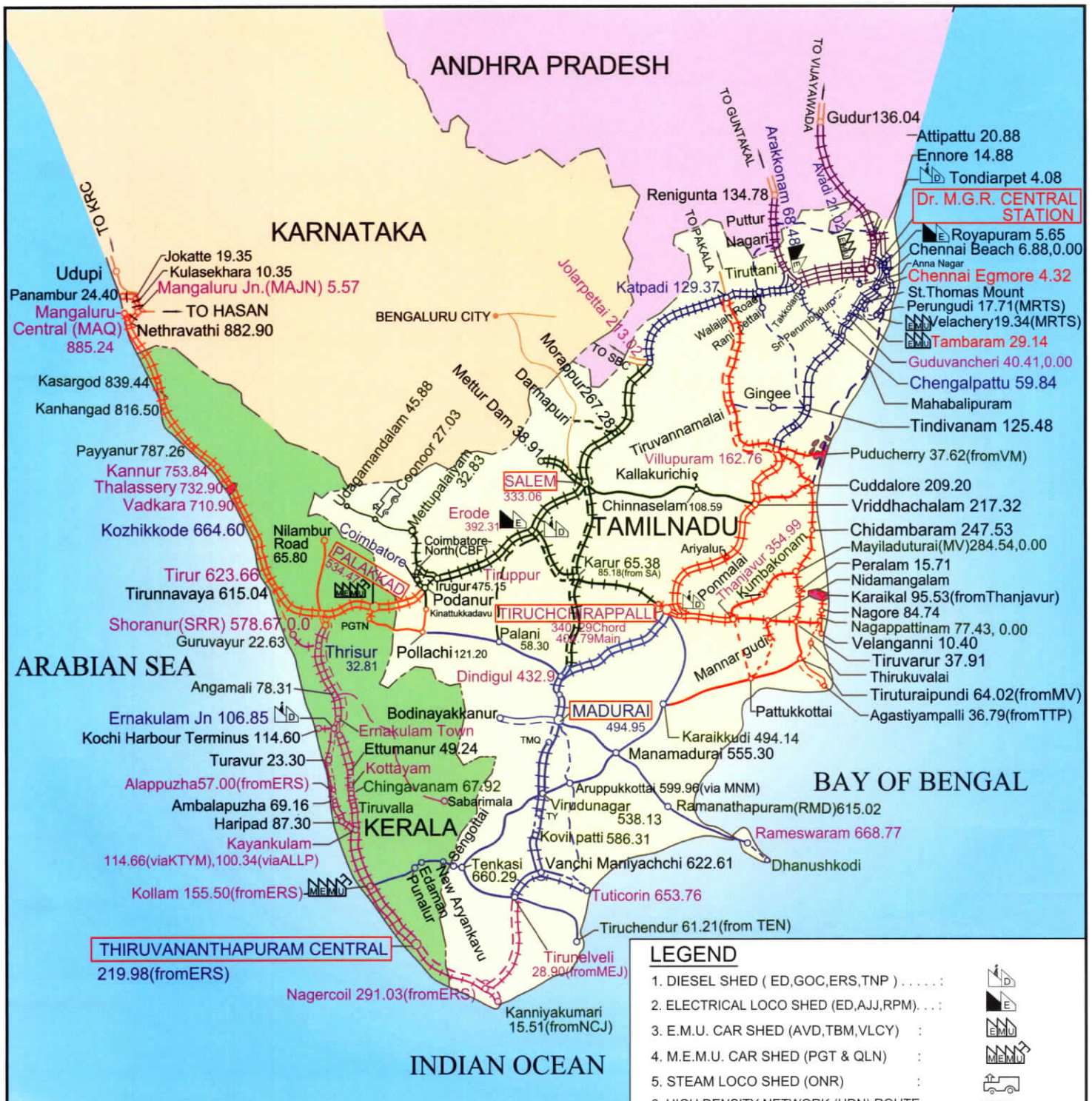
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### SOUTHERN RAILWAY

## SYSTEM MAP

AS ON 01-04-2021

NOT TO SCALE

### DIVISION WISE KILOMETRES

DIVISION	ROUTE K.M.			RUNNING TRACK K.M.		
	BG	MG	TOTAL	BG	MG	TOTAL
CHENNAI { Normal Route HDN Route ( 267Km) }	700	0	700	1577	0	1577
SALEM	811	45	856	1132	45	1177
PALAKKAD	581	0	581	1004	0	1004
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	627	0	627	962	0	962
TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI	991	37	1028	1222	37	1259
MADURAI	1205	90	1295	1481	90	1571
TOTAL	4915	172	5087	7378	172	7550

### STATE WISE KILOMETRES

STATE	ROUTE K.M.			RUNNING TRACK K.M.		
	BG	MG	TOTAL	BG	MG	TOTAL
TAMILNADU	3680	172	3852	5281	172	5453
PUDUCHERRY	21	0	21	23	0	23
ANDHRA PRADESH	121	0	121	247	0	247
KERALA	1047	0	1047	1747	0	1747
KARNATAKA	46	0	46	80	0	80
TOTAL	4915	172	5087	7378	172	7550

**Hon'ble Members of Parliament of the region served by  
Thiruvananthapuram Division**

1.	Adv. Adoor Prakash, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Attingal Constituency
2.	Shri Anto Antony, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Pathanamthitta Constituency
3.	Adv. A.M. Ariff, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Alappuzha Constituency
4.	Shri Benny Behanan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Chalakydy Constituency
5.	Adv. Dean Kuriakose, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Idukki Constituency
6.	Shri S. Gnanathiraviam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tirunelveli Constituency
7.	Shri Hibi Eden, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Ernakulam Constituency
8.	Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Mavelikkara Constituency
9.	Shri T.N. Prathapan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Thrissur Constituency
10.	Shri N.K. Premachandran, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kollam Constituency
11.	Ms. Ramya Haridas, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Alathur Constituency
12.	Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Thiruvananthapuram Constituency
13.	Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kottayam Constituency
14.	Shri Vijayakumar (Alias) Vijay Vasanth, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kanniyakumari Constituency
15.	Shri A.K. Antony, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
16.	Shri Binoy Viswam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
17.	Shri John Brittas, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
18.	Shri Jose K. Mani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
19.	Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
20.	Shri K. Somaprasad, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
21.	Shri Suresh Gopi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
22.	Shri A. Vijayakumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

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## **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

Southern Railway came into existence on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1951 through the merger of three state railways namely Madras and Southern Maratha Railway, the South Indian Railway and the Mysore State Railway.

Southern Railways present network extends over a large area of India's Southern Peninsula covering the states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry and a small portion of Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka. Serving these naturally plentiful and culturally rich southern states, Southern Railway extends from Mangalore on the West Coast and Kanniyakumari in the South to Renigunta and Gudur in the North East.

Headquartered at Chennai, the Southern Railway comprises of six Division viz. Chennai, Tiruchchirappalli, Madurai, Palakkad, Thiruvananthapuram & Salem.

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## **OVERVIEW OF THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DIVISION**

Thiruvananthapuram Division at the southern most tip of Indian Railway network was formed on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1979. The division is the most popular gateway to many of the tourist destinations of Kerala and a small portion of the State of TamilNadu .The Division serves eight out of the fourteen districts of Kerala and Kanniyakumari and Tirunelveli districts of Tamil Nadu.

With a route kilometer of 625kms (the entire stretch being broad gauge) the division handles 230 trains comprising of 204 Mail /Exp trains and 26 passenger trains including 10 MEMU trains. Out of 102 stations in the division, 32 are train halts manned by Halt agents. Nevertheless, with one out of 9 stations classified as the high-ranking NSG-2 or an NSG-3 station, the division is essentially passenger oriented and consequently there is perpetual demand for more number of train stoppages.

During the year 2020-21, the Division had earned Rs 591.43 crores in total of which 238.22 Crores pertained to passenger segment, Rs 304.44 from freight segment and Rs 48.77 crores from other coaching/Sundry earnings. The division transported 6.22 million originating passengers to various destinations 2127.2 inspite of restrictions on travel and movement of public imposed by the State Government .

During 2021-22 the Division had earned Rs766.23crores in total of which 444.90 Crores pertained to passenger segment ,Rs 232.68 from freight segment and Rs 88.65 crores from other coaching/ Sundry earnings. The overall growth in earnings in the current fiscal year is 143.44 % more than the corresponding period of the previous year.

In the current fiscal year the division has achieved a Freight loading of 2.12 million metric tones comprising of 0.95 million Tonnes of petroleum products, 0.52MT of Petroleum coke and 0.53 MT of fertilizers.

The major freight loading points in the division are in Ernakulam district comprising of BPCL Irimpanam installation, BPCL Kochi Refinery and FACT sidings at Irimpanam and Kalamassery. Container traffic is handled at ICTT/Vallarpadam. Food Corporation of India is the single biggest inward customer of the division.

The constituencies of Members of Parliament served by the division are Thrissur, Alathur, Chalakudi, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Alappuzha, Mavelikara, Pathanamthitta, Kallam, Attingal, Thiruvananthapuram, Nagercoil & Tirunelveli.

The Division serves several pilgrimage centres of which Sabarimala Temple is the most famous and attracts pilgrims from all over the country throughout the year.

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6 divisions  
790 stations  
Spanning across four  
states and one UT  
Over 1303 trains a  
day....  
....carrying more than  
800 million (2019-20  
pre-covid) passengers  
annually  
or 22 lakh passengers  
per day



## Route km - State-wise



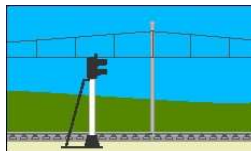
Sl. No.	State	Route Kms
1	Tamil Nadu	3852
2	Kerala	1047
3	Andhra Pradesh	121
4	Karnataka	46
5	Puducherry	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>5087</b>





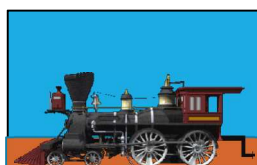
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### Rolling Stock Holding



	BG	MG
Passenger Coaches	6979	47
Average Wagon Holding	10008	-

### Locomotives

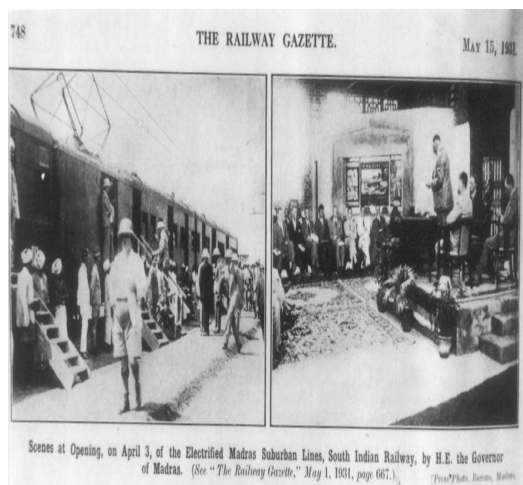


	BG	MG	Total
Diesel	329	5	334
Electrical	562	-	562
Steam	-	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>904</b>



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### Staff Strength



	Sanction	Actual	Vacancy
Gazetted	1152	990	162
Non-Gazetted	98416	78853	19563
<b>Total</b>	<b>99568</b>	<b>79843</b>	<b>19725</b>



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### Average Number of passenger trains/day

( As on Dec -2021 )

<b>Mail/Express</b>	<b>286</b>
<b>Passenger</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Suburban</b>	<b>644</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1037</b>



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### Punctuality Performance

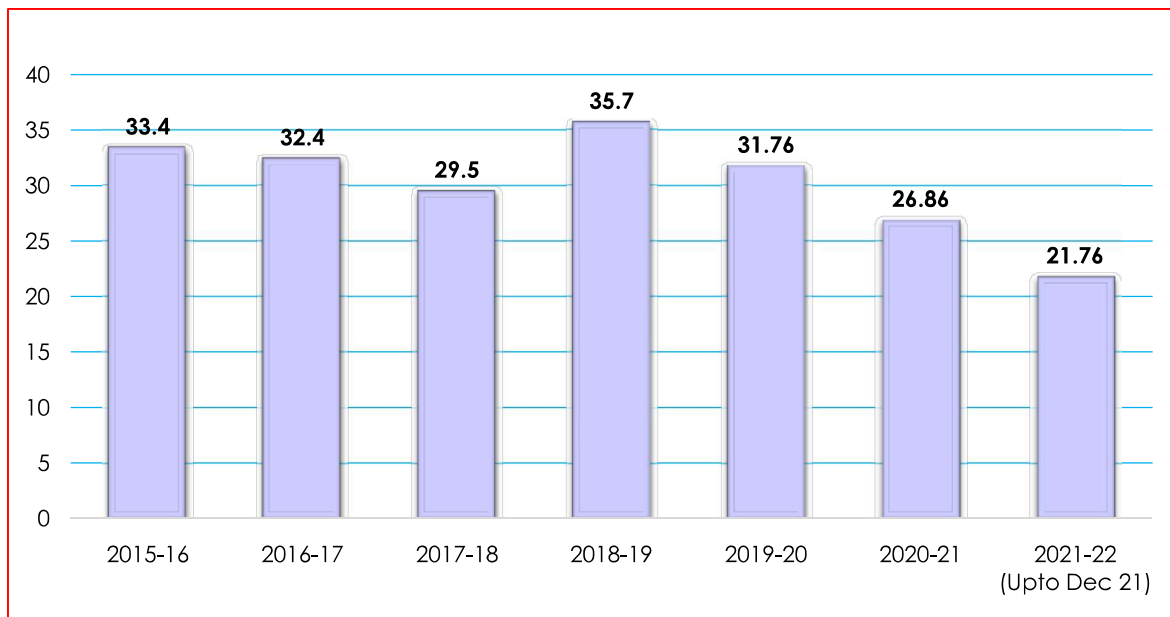
<b>Year</b>	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Upto Dec 2021)
<b>Mail/Express (in %)</b>	81.12%	77.81	85.11%	97.35%	95.60%





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### Originating Loading



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### Safety Performance



	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (upto 31.12.21)
No. of accidents	8	3	5	1	1	0

**GM's Meeting with Hon'ble MPs of the region served by  
Thiruvananthapuram Division on 12.01.2022**

	<b>Adv. Adoor Prakash, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Attingal Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>(a) There are 10 railway stations under Attingal Parliament constituency. All these stations need to improve the physical conditions for the convenience of the passengers and the public. The construction of over bridges and the demand for stoppage for more trains at various stations are long pending.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Following are the 10 Railway stations situated in Attingal Parliament Constituency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kappil (HG3)</li> <li>2. Edavai (NSG6)</li> <li>3. Varkalasivagiri (NSG4)</li> <li>4. Akathumuri (HG3)</li> <li>5. Kadakavur (NSG6)</li> <li>6. Chirayinkil (NSG5)</li> <li>7. Perunguzhi (HG2)</li> <li>8. Murukkampuzha (NSG6) Shortfall</li> <li>9. Kaniyapuram (NSG6)</li> <li>10. Nemom (NSG6)</li> </ol> <p>All the above stations are provided with Minimum Essential Amenities. The shortfalls will be identified and will be made good early. These stations are maintained periodically for their upkeep condition.</p> <p>In addition, Varkalasivagiri station was developed under Model station scheme during 2009-10 and Chirayinkil station was developed under Adarsh station scheme during 2019-20.</p>
	<b>(b) Construction of Over Bridges is long pending.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>Construction of ROB at Edava (LC No.555):</u></b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.555 at Edava Gate at Km.175/00-100 between Kappil &amp; Varkala stations was sanctioned vide PB No.302 of 2012-13. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) was approved in 2013. Since so many years has elapsed without execution by State Govt, the GAD has been revalidated and Revised GAD submitted by Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala (RBDCK) has been verified and remarks advised on 24-12-2021. RBDCK is yet to submit the corrected GAD.</p>



	<p><b><u>Construction of ROB at Janatha Mukku (LC No.557):</u></b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.557 at Venkulam Janathamukku at Km.176/900- 177/000 between Kappil and Varkala stations was sanctioned vide PB No.302 of 2012-13. Draft GAD submitted by RBDCK has been verified and remarks advised on 15-04-2021. RBDCK is yet to submit the corrected GAD.</p> <p><b><u>Construction of ROB at Punnamoodu (LC No.558):</u></b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.558 at Punnamoodu at Km.177/800-900 between Edava &amp; Varkala stations was sanctioned vide PB Item No.416 of 2016-17. Draft GAD submitted by RBDCK has been verified and remarks advised on 21-04-2021. RBDCK is yet to submit the corrected GAD.</p> <p><b><u>Construction of ROB at Chirayinkil (LC No.566) :</u></b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No 566 at Chirayinkil at Km.191/400-500 between Kadakavur and Murukkampuzha stations was sanctioned vide PB Item No.341 of 2013-14. Revised GAD Approved on 27-04-2021. Action for construction of Railway Portion of ROB will be taken when RBDCK commences the work on approaches.</p> <p><b><u>Construction of Vakkom Thoppikavilakam Overbridge:</u></b> There is no sanction exists for construction of Vakkom-Thoppikavilakam Over bridge.</p>
	<b><u>c. FOB not sanctioned for these following stations:</u></b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> FOB at Akathumuri, Perunguzhi, Nemom will be provided as per availability of Sanction.</p>
	<b><u>d. PF Raising sanctioned for these following stations:</u></b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Kappil, Edavai and Murukkampuzha stations have been sanctioned for raising of platform to high level and work at Murukkampuzha station has been completed recently.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of over bridges at Edava (LC No.555), Janatha Mukku (LC No.557) and Punnamoodu (LC No.558) and the construction of Varkala Sivagiri Railway Station (Maithanam) Foot Over Bridge</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>Construction of ROB at Edava (LC No.555) :</u></b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.555 at Edava Gate at Km.175/00-100 between Kappil &amp; Varkala stations was sanctioned vide PB No.302 of 2012-13. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) was approved in 2013. Since so many years has elapsed without execution by State Govt, the GAD has been revalidated and Revised GAD submitted by Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala (RBDCK) has been verified and remarks advised on 24-12-2021. RBDCK is yet to submit the corrected GAD.</p>

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	<b><u>ISSUES RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF TRAIN SERVICES</u></b>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>a. Request to resume Train No.16381/16382 (Mumbai CSMT-Kanniyakumari Express.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic all train services were suspended. However 92.5% of Express trains owned by Southern Railway have resumed. Train No 16381/82 will also be reintroduced in due course.</p>
	<b>b. Train No. 06729/06730 Punalur – Madurai Express. Presently this train is running as a special train. There is only reserved booking in this train. Daily commuters are facing problems as no current ticket facility is available for this train. This issue should be addressed immediately.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>04 nos Un-reserved coaches are available in Train No.06729/06730 Punalur – Madurai Express.</p>
	<b><u>VARKALA SIVAGIRI RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>a. Request for redevelopment plan for Varkala Sivagiri Railway Station</b>
	<b>b. Request to open the dormitory and rest room with basic facilities for passengers</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Varkalasivagiri station is identified for station redevelopment. Passenger amenities as per norms are available at Varkala. Following works were completed at VAK recently.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provision of Retiring Room at a cost of 36lakhs</li> <li>➤ Refurbishing of waiting-rooms, booking office &amp; SM's Room, including provision of modern furniture, and surfacing of concourse at a cost of 30 lakhs.</li> <li>➤ Provision of mini type shelters (6 numbers) at a cost of 6 lakhs</li> </ul> <p>Following works are in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provision of FOB at a cost of 205 lakhs</li> <li>➤ Raising of PF 2/3 at a cost of 137 lakhs</li> <li>➤ Provision of Platform shelters (6 bays) at a cost of 100lakhs</li> </ul> <p>Sanctioned work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provision of two lifts at a cost of 80 lakhs .</li> </ul>
	<b>c. Request to commence a new train service between Varkala and Varanasi.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>There are no terminal facilities at Varkala Sivagiri station for originating/termination of Mail/Express trains. Hence, the request is not feasible.</p>
	<b>d. Request to allow stoppage for Janshadabdi Express Train (12075/12076).</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Train No. 12075/12076 Kozhikode - Thiruvananthapuram Jan Shatabdi Express is provided with stoppage at Varkala.</p>
	<b>e. Request for construction of Varkala Sivagiri Railway Station Foot Over Bridge (Maithanam).</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>One FOB is already available and construction of New FOB is under progress and planned to be completed by 31.03.2022. Presently there is no sanction for construction of Foot Over Bridge at Maithanam. This work will be proposed in the ensuing works programme.</p>
	<b>f. Request for complete roof on the platform at Varkala Sivagiri Railway station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>At present 2800 sqm. of Platform Shelter (1800 sqm at PF 1 and 1000 sqm at PF 2) is available against the requirement of 200 sqm PF shelter on each PF. In addition, provision of 96 sqm. of PF shelter is in progress. TDC 31.03.2022.</p>



<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>CHIERAYINKEEZHU RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>a. Request for construction of Railway Over Bridge near Chirayinkeezhu Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No 566 at Chirayinkil at Km.191/400-500 between Kadakavur and Murukkampuzha stations was sanctioned vide PB Item No.341 of 2013-14. Revised GAD Approved on 27-04-2021. Action for construction of Railway Portion of ROB will be taken when RBDCK commences the work on approaches.</p>
	<p><b>b. Request for stoppage of following trains at Chirayinkeezhu Station.</b>  i) Train No.06639/06640 (Punalur-Thiruvananthapuram Express).  ii) Train No. 56715/56716 (Punalur-Kanyakumari Passenger Train).  iii) Train No.16603/16604 (Maveli Express).  iv) Train No. 16343/16344 (Amritha Express).  v) Train No. 16341/16342 (Intercity Express).  vi) Train No.12081/12082 (Janshatabdhi Express).</p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The average tickets sold at Chirayinkeezhu is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional Express trains. At present, 16 Mail/Express trains and 7 passenger trains are booked to stop at Chirayinkeezhu station which is 13 kms from Varkala where all the above trains except T.No.12081/82 are booked to stop.</p> <p>Train No.12081/12082 Kannur–Thiruvananthapuram Janshatabdi Express runs to tight timings and provision of additional stoppage for this train at Chirayinkeezhu is not feasible.</p>
	<b>c. Request to allow more general compartment on express trains.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Hon'ble MPs suggestion is noted.</p>
	<b>d. Request for complete roof on the platform at Chirayinkeezhu Railway station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  At present 2800 sqm of Platform Shelter (1800 sqm at PF 1 and 1000 sqm at PF 2) is available against the requirement of 200 sqm PF shelter on each PF. In addition, provision of 96 sqm. of PF shelter is in progress. The work will be completed by 31.03.2022.</p>

<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>KADAKKAVUR RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>a. Request to consider development Kadakkavur Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The extent of land available is only 8500sqm and this area is having quarters, Microwave Tower etc.</p>
	<p><b>b. Stoppage of following trains at Kadakkavoor station.</b>  <b>i) Train No. 56715/56716-Punalur-Kanyakumari Passenger Train.</b>  <b>ii) Train No.06639/06640 -Pumalur-Thiruvananthapuram Express.</b>  <b>iii) Train No. 16603/16604 (Maveli Express).</b>  <b>iv) Train No. 16343/16344 (Amritha Express).</b>  <b>v) Train No. 16341/16342 (Intercity Express).</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The average tickets sold at Kadakavur is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional Express trains. At present, 14 Mail/Express trains and 7 passenger trains are booked to stop at Kadakavur station which is 10 kms from Varkala where all the above trains are booked to stop.</p>
	<b>c. Request for construction of Vakkom Thoppikavilakam over bridge.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> There is no sanction exists for construction of Vakkom-Thoppikavilakam Over bridge. Location for the proposed bridge is to be proposed by state govt as a deposit work for initiating for a proposal in SR.</p>
	<b>d. Upgrade the Canteen, toilet and rest rooms for the travelers.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Kadakavur is an NSG6 category station. This station is provided with 3 urinals against the minimum norms of 1 and 10 lavatories against the minimum requirement of 1 toilet as per norms. Waiting hall of 71 sqm is available along with 36 sqm of gents and 20 sqm of ladies waiting room are available. These assets are maintained periodically.</p> <p>Catering stall at PF-2 was closed by the contractor due to low patronage. Feasibility of providing catering unit at platform no 1 will be explored.</p>
	<b>e. Request to build existing foot over bridge by 5 meters and make it convenient for passengers to go to government offices.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present no sanction available for widening of FOB. However, the request will be examined as suggested by the Hon'ble MP.</p>

	<b>f. Permitting Railways to re-tar roads East and West of Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Laying Road on railway land for movement of public, comes under the purview of Way leave permission, for which the concerned local authority may approach DRM, who will in turn will examine the proposal.</p>
	<b>g. Request to take steps to upgrade heritage as a Railway station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> This station is not identified as heritage structure and there is no such proposal with railways.</p> <p>State Government may initiate the proposal clearly narrating the importance of stations to be upgraded as heritage site.</p>
	<b><u>GENERAL ISSUES</u></b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>(a) Request for development of Nemom Terminal.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> For the development of Nemom, Coaching Maintenance depot the proposal is awaiting Board's sanction.</p>
	<b>(b) Request to take measures for allowing concession to senior citizen passengers.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present the travel concession for senior citizen has been discontinued with as per instructions of Railway Board. Shall be resumed on instructions from Board.</p>
	<p><b>(c) Request to resume service of following passenger trains.</b>  <b>i) Nagarkovil -Kottayam Passenger (Train No.56304).</b>  <b>ii) Punalur-Kanyakumari Passenger (Train No. 56716).</b>  <b>iii) Thiruvananthapuram-Kollam Passenger (Train No.56308) .</b>  <b>iv) Punalur -Madurai Passenger (Train No.56701).</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16730 Punalur – Madurai Ex (old No.56701), Train No. 16366 Nagercoil – Kottayam Express (Old No. 56304) and Train No.06640 CAPE – PUU Spl (now operated from Thiruvananthapuram) have resumed. Train No. 56308 Thiruvananthapuram – Kollam passenger will be resumed in due course.</p>
	<b>d) Request to construct approach road to Varkala, Chriyinkeezhu and Kadakkavoor railway station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Approach roads are available to these stations. Maintenance will be looked into on need basis.</p>

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	<b>Shri Anto Antony, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Pathanamthitta Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to grant stoppage of all train passes through at Tiruvalla.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present, 56 mail/Express trains and 9 passenger trains are booked to stop at Tiruvalla. The average tickets sold at this station is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional Mail/Express trains. However, stoppage of train No. 22667/22668 Yesvantpur Kochuveli AC (W) Express has been recommended to Railway Board.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to implement Sabari Railway line.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> This 111.20 Km new line project from Angamali to Erumeli is proposed through Ernakulam, Idukki and Kottayam Districts. Final Location Survey could be completed only in Ernakulam and Idukki District between Angamali and Ramapuram and Final Location Survey (FLS) in Kottayam District could not be completed due to public protest against project in Kottayam District. This project was kept in Abeyance by Railway Board vide D.O. letter No.2019/W1/Genl/Budget/1 dated 26.09.2019. Government of Kerala has communicated their willingness to share 50% cost of the project subject to certain conditions vide GO No Trans 1/2021 dated 07.01.2021. Meanwhile, Kerala Rail Development Corporation Ltd(KRDCL), a Joint Venture of Kerala State Government and Ministry of Railways has requested Railway Board to allot this work to them for execution on behalf of Railways and Railway Board has permitted KRDCL to conduct Final Location Survey(FLS) between Ramapuram and Erumeli and submit a Detailed Estimate(DE). KRDCL is yet to complete the FLS and DE. Decision on this project can be taken only after KRDCL completes FLS and submit Detailed Project Report(DPR).</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request development and modernisation of Tiruvalla Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Tiruvalla is a NSG4 category station and all the minimum essential amenities have been provided at this station.</p> <p>Stations required to be redeveloped under Station Redevelopment Scheme are identified by Railway Board. Now all such identified stations are planned to be developed under EPC Contract through Railway Funds. However, Tiruvalla Station is not yet identified by Railway Board for redevelopment.</p>

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request to widen road in front of Tiruvalla Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The existing Road in front of Railway Station is adequate for the present level of traffic. However, as requested by the Hon'ble MP, to widen the road in front of Tiruvalla Railway station, private land to an extent of 1025 Sqm to be acquired.</p> <p>The cost of land will be around Rs. 148.83 lakhs. In addition, Rs.39.70 lakhs required for the work of widening of road.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Need of concreting of sidewall and water proofing the underpasses to protect from water logging.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The cited Subway is in lieu of LC no 14 at km 91/100-200. This Subway is located on one end of a paddy field. Even though there has been no cultivation in the paddy fields for years, the farmers' organization wanted an opening in the U through wall to move their machineries to the field during the execution. When the area is flooded, water backs up into the subway through this aperture. If the locals agree to close this opening, flooding will be completely resolved; otherwise, this Subway will have problems during periods of significant flooding.</p> <p>Railways have already completed provision of roofing and sump in this Subway. Arrangements are made for pumping also. Water will enter the subway through this opening if it is not closed. If the local people agree, it is intended to elevate the floor level of this entrance area above the High Flood Level, with a ramp on both sides, to prevent water from paddy fields from entering.</p> <p><b><u>Thirumoolapuram – Kattode Road (Subway in lieu of LC no 12.) and KuttorManakkachira Road (Subway in lieu of LC no. 11):</u></b>  Two LCs, Lc nos 11 and 12, at Km 88.226 and Km 88.628 respectively, were converted into Subways as part of the track doubling project between Tiruvalla and Chengannur. These LCs are located along the banks of the Manimala River. At Km 88/400, the Manimala River crosses the railway track. Because both approaches slope towards the track, waterlogging is a common occurrence in these subways during the rainy season. Railways has taken the following measures to avoid waterlogging.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Both approaches are provided with roofing.</li> <li>2) Existing drains to drain out water to river was cleaned and damaged portion near sluice valves were repaired.</li> <li>3) Non return valves were provided to prevent reverse flow from river to Subway.</li> </ol> <p>Even after attending all of the above, flooding in these subways has occurred in the last two seasons only when the Manimala River is overflowing and the surrounding area is flooded. Now action has been taken to provide Automated Pumping system in these two LCs and the work would be completed by Apr 2022.</p>

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	<b>Adv. A.M. Ariff, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Alappuzha Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to resume all the 76 services informed by Hon'ble Minister of Railways in Lok Sabha</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to resume following trains immediately</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 56380 KYJ-ERS passenger @ 08.40</li> <li>• 56383 ERS-KYJ passenger @ 18.00</li> <li>• 66300 QLN-ERS MEMU @ 07.50</li> <li>• 66301 ERS-QLN MEMU @ 14.40</li> <li>• 66302 QLN-ERS MEMU @ 08.50</li> <li>• 66303 ERS-QLN MEMU @ 12.30</li> <li>• 66315 ERS-KYJ MEMU @ 10.10</li> <li>• 66316 KYJ-ERS MEMU @ 13.10</li> </ul>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic all train services were suspended. However 92.5% of Express trains owned by Southern Railway have resumed. The remaining 14 Express trains and 62 passenger trains will also be reintroduced in due course.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Request to convert UESs as ordinary passenger with all pre-existing stops and normal passenger fares.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 56379 ERS-ALIP Passenger (Now running as Special Train 06449)</li> <li>• 56384 ALLP-ERS Passenger (Now running as Special Train 06452)</li> <li>• 56391 ERS-QLN passenger (Now running as special Train 06443)</li> <li>• 56392 ERS-QLN passenger (Now running as special Train 06444)</li> <li>• 66311 ALLP-QLN Passenger (Now running as Special Train 06013)</li> <li>• 66312 QLN-ALLP passenger (Now running as special Train 06014)</li> <li>• 66313 ERS-ALLP Passenger (Now running as Special Train 06015)</li> <li>• 66314 ALLP-ERS passenger (Now running as special Train 06016)</li> </ul>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The trains referred by the Hon MP are operated as specials as per the orders of Railway Board. They will be operated as regular trains on receipt of orders from Railway Board. Due to the path constraints in Ernakulam – Alappuzha single line section, it is not feasible to change the timings of Train No. 06449 Ernakulam – Alappuzha special as suggested.

4.0	<p><b>Request to take steps to restore the stops of following trains</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16344 MDU-TVC Amrita Express at Karunagapally</li> <li>• 16348 MAQ-TVC Express at Karunagapalli</li> <li>• 16350 NIL-KCVL Raja Rani Express at Karunagapalli</li> <li>• 16127 MS-GUV Express at Cherthala, Haripad, Ambalappuzha</li> <li>• 16128 GUV-MS Express at Cherthala, Haripad, Ambalappuzha</li> <li>• 16603 MAQ-TVC Maveli Express at Ambalappuzha, Mararikkulam, Turavur</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> During rationalization of Time Table, poorly patronized stoppages have been withdrawn</p>
5.0	<p><b>Request to explore the possibilities of sanctions of stops for train Nos.16316 &amp; 16317 in Turavur and Karunagapally stations</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The average tickets sold at Turavur and Karunagapalli are less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of Mail/ express trains. Hence provision of stoppage at these stations for Train No. 16315/16316 Kochuveli – Mysuru Express is not feasible. However, these trains are booked to stop at Chertala which is 13 kms from Turavur and at Kayankulam which is 14 kms from Karunagapalli.</p>
6.0	<p><b><u>PASSENGER AMENITIES</u></b></p>
	<p><b><u>ALAPPUZHA</u></b></p>
	<p><b>a. Request for Escalator at Platform No.2</b></p>
	<p><b>b. Request for Lift at Platform No.1 &amp; 2.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The provision of Escalator at PF No.2 will be proposed after Techno Economic feasibility.</li> <li>➤ Two Nos. of lifts have been sanctioned for Alapuzha Station one each at PF1 &amp; PF2 .The work is under Progress and it is targeted to be completed by June 2022.</li> <li>➤ Recently station improvement works at a cost of 1.2cr has been completed which include separate reservation office, VIP lounge, Waiting hall etc. Connectivity work to new reservation office and procedure for procurement of furniture for VIP lounge etc are in progress.</li> <li>➤ Improvements to approach road at a cost of ₹35lakhs and Renewal of roof of station building at a cost of 46.1lakhs were also carried out.</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>CHERTHALA</u></b></p>
	<p><b>a. Request for Roof and Tiling for Foot Over Bridge (FOB) connecting Platform No. 1 &amp; 2</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Roof and tiling for FOB connecting PF 1 and 2 will be taken up under doubling project.</p>

	<b>b. Request for Extending existing FOB to the western entrance.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This work also will be taken up under doubling project.
	<b>c. Request for lift at Platform No.1 &amp; 2</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Category of Station: NSG 5 Avg. footfall per day: 8087 (2019-20 – Pre covid) Avg. footfall per day: 304 (2020-21 – covid period)  Provision of Lift will be proposed based on Techno-Economic feasibility.
	<b>d. Request for IRS Type Passenger Shelters Minimum 3 Bays at Platform Nos. 1&amp;2.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Platform shelter of 1402 sqm (722 sqm at PF 1 and 680sqm at PF 2) is available against minimum requirement of 50 sqm on each PF. Proposal for augmenting under MPLADS is in process.
	<b><u>MARAIKULAM</u></b>
	<b>a. Foot Over Bridge connecting Platform No. 1 &amp; 2.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The work of raising of platform was completed. FOB will be done as part of doubling work.
	<b>b. IRS Type Passenger Shelters @ Platform Nos. 1 &amp; 2.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This station is provided with 360 sqm of PF shelter on PF No. 1 and 279 sqm of PF shelter on PF No 2 as against the minimum requirement of 50 sqm as per norms, which is adequate of present level of traffic. Augmentation will be considered with future developments.
	<b><u>KARUNAGAPALLI</u></b>
	<b>a. Request for Escalator @ Platform No. 2</b>
	<b>b. Request for Lift@PlatformNo.1 &amp;2</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Category of Station: NSG 5 Avg. footfall per day: 9952 (2019-20 – Pre covid) Avg. footfall per day: 394 (2020-21 – covid period) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator at station is 25,000 per day. Hence KPY station is not eligible for provision of escalators.</li> <li>➤ Provision of Lift will be proposed based on Techno-Economic feasibility</li> </ul>

	<b>c. Request for IRS Type Passenger Shelters @ Platform No. 1</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Karunagapalli is an NSG5 Category station. This station is provided with 695 sqm. of PF shelter for PF No. 1 and 1728 sqm. of PF shelter for PF No. 2&amp;3 against the minimum requirement of 50 sqm on each PF. In addition, provision of IRS type PF shelter on PF 1 is under progress and planned to be completed by April 2022.</p>
	<b><u>KAYANKULAM</u></b>
	<b>a. Request for full Furnished waiting Room for public</b>
	<b>b. Request for Air conditioned VIP Lounge</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Works for provision of additional platform shelter (6bays) at a cost of 100lakhs and provision of three numbers of lifts at a cost of 120 lakhs are in progress.</p> <p>Station is having two waiting rooms, one separate for ladies. Augmentation of facilities at these waiting rooms will be considered with future development works.</p> <p>At present there is no space for providing A/C VIP lounge at Kayankulam. This will be explored</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request to complete development of parking facility in Cherthala Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Cherthala station is having a parking facility of 986.4sqm. Feasibility of increasing the parking area will be considered. Land development is required to utilize the available land. The possibilities of commercial utilization of the land available will be explored.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request to evolve mechanism to complete the MPLADS work in a time bound manner</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The suggestion of Hon MP is noted.</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Though Railway Over Bridges have been proposed at Chittoomoola, Idakulangara, Ezhupunna and Maliyekkal railway crosses in the Alappuzha Parliament Constituency, it has been leaned that work has started only in Maliyekal. The present status of the remaining works shall be reported . Also, steps may be taken to construct a ROB at Thuravoor Railway cross on an urgent basis. Request to take steps to construct a ROB at Thuravoor railway cross on an urgent basis.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  <b>Chittoomoola ROB:</b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.50 at km.126/300-400 (Puthiyakav –Chittumoola) gate between Ochira &amp; Karunagappalli stations was sanctioned in the year 2015-16. Draft General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) submitted by Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala (RBDCK) has been verified and remarks conveyed on 09-11-2021. RBDCK is yet to submit the corrected GAD.</p>

	<p><b>Idakulangara ROB:</b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.53 at Idakulangara Gate at Km. 128/500-600 between Karunagappalli and Sasthankotta stations was sanctioned in the year 2018-19. GAD submitted by Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) is already approved. This work is to be executed by KRDCL.</p> <p><b>Ezhupunna:</b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.17 at Ezhupunna Gate at Km. 18/000-100 between Kumbalam &amp; Turavur stations was sanctioned in the year 2012-13. Alignment plan and GAD are yet to be submitted by RBDCK.</p> <p><b>Maliyekkal:</b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.55 at Maliekal Gate at Km.129/500-600 between Karunagappalli &amp; Sasthankotta stations was sanctioned in the year 2015-16. GAD for this was approved on 09-04-2019. Further action will be taken to construct Railway Span once RBDCK commences works on approaches.</p> <p><b>Thuravoor:</b> There is no sanction exists now for construction of ROB at Thuravoor. For Construction of ROB in lieu of existing level crossing, Public Works Department of Government of Kerala has to propose the work for inclusion in the pink book of Railway.</p>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Request to take step urgently to re-construct all the damaged approach roads to various railways stations in Alappuzha Parliament Constituency</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The work of repairs road at Alapuzha, Haripad has been completed. Further the work of repairs road at Ambalapuzha, Mararikulam and Cheppad is in progress. Works at other locations will be taken up as per priority and availability of funds.</p>

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	<b>Shri Benny Behanan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Chalakudy Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to reinstate Passenger Trains in Kerala.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passengers carrying trains w.e.f 23rd March, 2020. However at present, 92.5 % of Southern Railway owned Mail/Express trains have resumed as specials. Some passenger trains have resumed and the remaining trains are being resumed in a phased manner.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Development of Aluva Railway Station &amp; Second entry at Aluva Railway station duly shifting the goods shed to Kalamassery.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> AWY goods shed is very active and closure will cause huge revenue loss and stiff protest from chamber of commerce and labour unions. Shifting of the same to Kalamassery, as suggested by the Hon'ble MP, is not feasible as KLMR is already having steel unloading (only steel unloading facility in the division) besides other goods. Further FACT siding is also functioning at Kalamassery. Creation of more facility at Kalamassery to accommodate traffic at AWY is not possible.</p>
	<b>c. Providing Gateway at Aluva Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Provision of Gate way west side of Aluva station is not presently feasible.</p>
	<b>d. Full roofing at Aluva Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> A work will be proposed to provide full roofing at Aluva station.</p>
	<b><u>OTHER REQUESTS</u></b>
	<b>i. Request for provision of new FOB at southern side of the platform.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The work was awarded and the agency has started preliminary works. Fabrication of steel work has been ordered and the same is in progress. Planned to complete by March 2022. Work delayed due to prolonged monsoon in this area.</p>

	<b>ii. Request for provision of escalator in 2<sup>nd</sup> platform.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The provision of Escalator in 2<sup>nd</sup> platform shall be done based on techno economic feasibility since Schedule of Dimension does not permit at present for provision of escalator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ One Escalator is available in PF1.</li> <li>➤ Two Nos. of Lift available at Aluva station in PF No.1 &amp; PF 2/3.</li> <li>➤ Further Two Nos. of lifts have been sanctioned for Aluva Station one each at PF1 &amp; PF2 (New FOB) and is provision of Lift work is under Progress.</li> </ul>
	<b>iii. Request for extension of roofing of 2<sup>nd</sup> platform as in 1<sup>st</sup> platform.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  This station is provided with 2982 sqm of shelter on PF 1 and 2760 sqm on PF No. 2, against the minimum requirement of 400 sqm as per norms, which is adequate for the present level of traffic.</p> <p>However, as per the request of Hon'ble MP a work will be proposed.</p>
	<b><u>TRAIN STOPPAGES</u></b>
	<b>i. Thiruvananthapuram-Chennai Train No.12695/96 at Aluva</b>
	<b>ii. Thiruvananthapuram-Kannur Train No.12081/82 Jan. Shatabdi Express</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Provision of stoppage for Train No. 12081/82 Kannur – Thiruvananthapuram Jan shatabdi Express and Train No. 12695/96 Chennai Central – Thiruvananthapuram Express at Aluva is not operationally feasible as they are timetabled to run with tight timings in Ernakulam-Shoranur section.</p>
	<b><u>ANGAMALY RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>a. Request for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.61 @ Km.78/100-200 at Angamaly Yard in Shornur-Ernakulam section.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 61 at Angamaly Yard at km.78/100-200 in Angamali Station yard was sanctioned vide PB No.425 of 2019-20. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) has to be prepared and submitted by Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala (RBDCK) for processing for approval by Railways. This work may be affected by the silver line project of Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) as they are planning to cross existing Railway Track near Angamali Railway Station and hence the GAD is to be prepared by RBDCK in consultation with KRDCL.</p>

	<p><b><u>ROB in lieu of LC No.61:</u></b> Construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 61 @ km.78/100-200 at Angamali Yard was sanctioned vide Pink Book item No.425 of 2019-20. State Government of Kerala has entrusted the work to M/s. Roads and Bridges Development Corporation Ltd (RBDCK) for execution of the works other than Railway portion. The General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) and Alignment Plan of the ROB have to be prepared and submitted to Railways by RBDCK, which is still awaited. Further process to initiate the work will be done only after finalization of the Alignment Plan and approval of GAD.</p>
	<p><b>b. Request for roofing and shelters on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> platforms</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Angamali for Kaladi is a NSG4 category station. This station is provided with 863 Sqm of PF shelter on PF No. 1 and 639 Sqm of PF shelter on PF No. 2/3 as against the norms of 200 Sqm on each PF as per norms, which is adequate for the present level of traffic. However, as per the request of Hon'ble MP a work will be proposed.</p>
	<p><b>c. Request for provision of Foot Over Bridge &amp; Escalator towards Ernakulam side at Angamaly railway station.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Category of Station: NSG 4 Avg. footfall per day: 8010 (2019-20 – Pre covid) Avg. footfall per day: 218 (2020-21 – Covid period)</p> <p>As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator at station is 25,000 per day. Hence Angamaly station is not eligible for provision of escalators. However, Two Nos. of lifts have been sanctioned for Angamaly Station one each at PF1 &amp; PF2. Provision of Lift work is under Progress and is likely to be completed on 31 .05.2022.</p> <p><b><u>FOB</u></b> <b>Remarks:</b> As per norms NSG4 category station requires one FOB only, which is already available. Further, it is not feasible to construct a new FOB due to space constraints.</p> <p><b><u>Seats</u></b> This station is already provided with 501 seats which also includes 10 Nos. of 10-seater steel benches. It is further planned to provide 20 Nos. of 4-seater stainless steel benches.</p> <p><b><u>Drinking water</u></b> This station is provided with 18 water taps. Shortfall of 22 water taps will be made good early.</p>

	<p><b>e. Stoppage of following trains at Angamaly Railway Station</b></p> <p><b>i. Palaruvi Express – Train No.16791/92</b></p> <p><b>ii. Dhanbad Express – Train No.13351/52</b></p> <p><b>iii. Ernad Express – Train No.16605/06</b></p> <p><b>iv. Rajya Rani Express – Train No.16349/50</b></p> <p><b>v. Amrita Express – Train No.16343/44</b></p> <p><b>vi. Netravati Express - Train No. 16345/46</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The average tickets sold at Angamali is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of trains and hence it is not feasible to provide additional stoppage as suggested.</p> <p>However, Stoppage of T.No.16791/92 Palakkad - Tirunelveli Palaruvi Express at Angamali has been referred to Railway Board.</p>
	<p><b><u>KARUKUTTY RAILWAY STATION</u></b></p>
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Request to utilise unused land available at Karukutty Railway station premises for development of a full rake railway yard/good shed.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>At present Goods shed facilities are available at Angamali and Chalakudi which are in close proximity to Karukutty Station. Hence, the users can avail these facilities for movement of freight traffic.</p> <p>The feasibility of commercial utilization of the land at Karukutty is under scrutiny.</p>
	<p><b><u>CHALAKUDY RAILWAY STATION</u></b></p>
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>a. Request for provision of stoppages of following trains at Chalakudy Railway Station.</b></p> <p><b>i. Punalur-Palakkad Palaruvi Express (16791-16792)</b></p> <p><b>ii. Thiruvananthapuram-Lokamanya Thilak Netharavathi Express (16345/16346)</b></p> <p><b>iii. Alleppy-Dhanbad Bhokaro Express (13352/13351)</b></p> <p><b>iv. Thiruvananthapuram-Chennai Mail (12624/12623)</b></p> <p><b>v. Stoppage of trains towards West Bengal and Assam through Andhra Pradesh and Odisha</b></p> <p><b>vi. Thiruvananthapuram-Madhura Amrutha Express (16343/44)</b></p> <p><b>vii. Kochuveli-Mangalapuram Express Train No.16356</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The average tickets sold at Chalakudi is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of trains and hence it is not feasible to provide additional stoppage as suggested. However, Stoppage of T.No.16791/92 Palakkad - Tirunelveli Palaruvi Express at Chalakudi has been referred to Railway Board.</p>

	<b>b. Request to extend roof top to the remaining parts of the platform at Chalakudy Railway station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Chalakudi is a NSG5 category station. This station is provided with 1096 Sqm of PF shelter on PF No. 1 and 1391 Sqm of PF No.2, 3 as against the requirement of 100 sqm as per norms. which is adequate for present level of traffic. However, as per the request of Hon'ble MP a work will be proposed.</p>
	<b>c. Request to construct landings duly utilising 1<sup>st</sup> platform for landing to 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> platform Chalakudy Railway station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Landing from public FOB to platform which is a ticketed area is not generally permitted. More over provision of landing on the PF is not feasible due to space constraints.</p>
	<b><u>KORATTY ANGADI RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request to upgrade the Koratty Angadi Railway Station as a Flag station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The feasibility of the upgrading the Koratty Angadi Station from Halt station to Flag station was examined by the Division and based on the present passenger trend upgradation is not feasible.</p>

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










	<b>Adv. Dean Kuriakose, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Idukki Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to De-freeze of construction started Angamali-Erumeli. Sabarimala new broad-gauge railway line project sanctioned in 1997-98. acquire the boundary stone laid and Social Impact Assessment Study, completed land for the project.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>This 111.20 Km new line project from Angamali to Erumeli is proposed through Ernakulam, Idukki and Kottayam Districts. Final Location Survey could be completed only in Ernakulam and Idukki District between Angamali and Ramapuram and Final Location Survey (FLS) in Kottayam District could not be completed due to public protest against project in Kottayam District. This project was kept in Abeyance by Railway Board vide D.O. letter No.2019/W1/Genl/Budget/1 dated 26.09.2019. Government of Kerala has communicated their willingness to share 50% cost of the project subject to certain conditions vide GO No Trans 1/2021 dated 07.01.2021. Meanwhile, Kerala Rail Development Corporation Ltd (KRDCL), a Joint Venture of Kerala State Government and Ministry of Railways has requested Railway Board to allot this work to them for execution on behalf of Railways and Railway Board has permitted KRDCL to conduct Final Location Survey (FLS) between Ramapuram and Erumeli and submit a Detailed Estimate (DE). KRDCL is yet to complete the FLS and DE. Decision on this project can be taken only after KRDCL completes FLS and submit Detailed Project Report (DPR).</p>

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	<b>Shri S. Gnanathiraviam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tirunelveli Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce Vande Bharat Express in Chennai-Kanniyakumari route</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP for introduction of Vande Bharat Express is noted.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to speed up Kanniyakumari-Trivandrum doubling Railway line sanctioned in 2015- 16 :</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This project is partly in Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram- Parassala (30Km) and partly in Tamil Nādu (56.56 Km). Land acquisition is in progress in both Kerala and Tamil Nādu. For land acquisition Rs.532.02 Crores has been deposited to Government of Kerala and Rs.74.57Cr to Government of Tamil Nādu based on the request from the respective State Governments. Doubling work in Eraniel – Kanniyakumari section have been started with in the land available with Railways but work can be progressed only after required land is acquired and handed over. Work can be commissioned in 24 months of handing over of land
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request to consider re-opening of Kavalkinaru Railway Station (between Panagudi and Valliyur).</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Restoration of Kavalkinaru halt station will be considered based on the improvement in Covid pandemic conditions.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request to provide a halt all the trains at Panagudi.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The average number of tickets sold per day per train at Panakudi is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains. Hence the request is not feasible.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request for clubbing of 56718 Tirunelveli-Nagercoil Passenger and 56318 Nagercoil – Kochuveli Pass to run as Tirunelveli –Kochuveli Passenger. In the return direction clubbing of 56315 or 56313 Thiruvananthapuram – Nagercoil Passenger and 56717 Nagercoil – Tirunelveli passenger to operate as Thiruvananthapuram – Tirunelveli passenger.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> All the above mentioned trains are run in different links and hence it is not feasible to club these trains as suggested.

6.0	<b>Request to club Tirunelveli-Sengottai 56797 and Sengottai-Kollam 56737 passenger train services.</b>																														
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted.																														
7.0	<b>(a) Request to replace 56311/56316 Trivandrum – Nagercoil Passenger to MEMU and extension up to Tirunelveli.</b>																														
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Conventional Passenger trains are being progressively replaced by MEMUs.  T. No. 56311/56316 Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil Passenger is run in an integrated link with other passenger trains. Hence, extension of this train to Tirunelveli is not feasible																														
8.0	<b>Request for Kanniykumari-Tirupati daily train.</b>  <b>Kanniyakumari – Tirupati daily train either by clubbing Madurai Villupuram and Villupuram-Tirupati passengers or by utilizing the lie over of 16525 Express.</b>																														
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 56805/56806 Villupuram - Madurai Passenger and Train No. 56884/56885 Tirupati- Villupuram Passenger have been converted to Express with the following timings: <table><tr><td><b>T.No.16868 Madurai - Villupuram Exp (old No.56806)</b></td><td></td><td><b>Stations</b></td><td></td><td><b>T.No.16867 Villupuram – Madurai Exp (old No.56805)</b></td></tr><tr><td>03.55</td><td>(d)</td><td>Madurai</td><td>(a)</td><td>23.30</td></tr><tr><td>11.15</td><td>(a)</td><td>Villupuram</td><td>(d)</td><td>16.25</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td><b>T.No.16740 Villupuram - Tirupati Exp (old No.56884)</b></td><td></td><td><b>Stations</b></td><td></td><td><b>T.No.16853 Tirupati – Villupuram Exp (old No.56885)</b></td></tr><tr><td>17.20</td><td>(d)</td><td>Villupuram</td><td>(a)</td><td>20.05</td></tr><tr><td>23.00</td><td>(a)</td><td>Tirupati</td><td>(b)</td><td>13.50</td></tr></table>	<b>T.No.16868 Madurai - Villupuram Exp (old No.56806)</b>		<b>Stations</b>		<b>T.No.16867 Villupuram – Madurai Exp (old No.56805)</b>	03.55	(d)	Madurai	(a)	23.30	11.15	(a)	Villupuram	(d)	16.25	<b>T.No.16740 Villupuram - Tirupati Exp (old No.56884)</b>		<b>Stations</b>		<b>T.No.16853 Tirupati – Villupuram Exp (old No.56885)</b>	17.20	(d)	Villupuram	(a)	20.05	23.00	(a)	Tirupati	(b)	13.50
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	It is not feasible to club these trains as their timings do not match.  The lie-over time available for Train No. 16525/26 Kanniyakumari – KSR Bengaluru Express at Kanniyakumari is insufficient to operate a new train to Tirupati as suggested.																														

<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request to start IRTCC approved trains as special service.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The IRTTC meeting is a forum for pan-India review and discussion of coaching matters. In this meeting, the time table of few short-listed trains are drawn up and submitted to Railway Board. In the meeting, Railway Board does not accord approval for their introduction. Trains which are being minuted in the IRTTC Meeting can be introduced only on issue of orders to that effect from Railway Board.</p> <p>In view of COVID-19 pandemic, the powers for introduction of special trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Request to regulate Kanniyakumari-Dibrugarh 15905/15906 daily.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The matter has been re-examined and found not feasible.</p>
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request to extend any one Chennai-Hyderabad train to Kanniyakumari via Tirunelveli.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> As indicated earlier letters, extension of Chennai – Hyderabad trains to Kanniyakumari is not feasible.</p>
<b>12.0</b>	<b>(a) Request to operate Palakkad-Tiruchendur 56769/56770 Express as Tiruchendur-Coimbatore Express via Madurai, Pollachi and Pondanur.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The infrastructural facilities at Coimbatore and Nagercoil are saturated. Hence it is not feasible to introduce additional trains to both these terminals.</p>
	<b>(b) Operation of daily train from Mettupalayam to Kanniyakumari via Pollachi, Udumalpet, Didigul, Madurai, Nagercoil.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Rake Maintenance facilities are not available at Metupalayam or at Kanniyakumari and those at Nagercoil are saturated. Hence it is not feasible to introduce a new train as suggested.</p>
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request for daily train service to Tirunelveli-Mumbai Daily Superfast train service</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> T. No. 16351/16352 Mumbai CST- Nagercoil (BW) Express is an inter-railway train and changing the timings of the train is not feasible.</p>

<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request for introduction of new weekly train between Tirunelveli and Sainagar Shirdi via Madurai, Hosur, Bangalore, Guntakal, Wadi, Daud and Ahmednagar</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP for a new train from Kanniyakumari to Sainagar Shirdi via Tirunelveli, Madurai, Hosur, Bangalore is noted.</p>
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Punalur-Madurai Express train No.16729/16730 to Karaikal/Velankanni.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16729/16730 Madurai – Punalur – Madurai Express undergoes primary maintenance at Madurai. No maintenance facilities are available at Karaikkal/Velankanni. Hence the extension is not feasible.</p>
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Termination of Train No. 15905/15906, 12659/12660, 22619/22620 at Kochuveli</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The terminal facilities at Kochuveli are saturated and short termination of the above trains at Kochuveli is not feasible. Moreover, short termination of these trains will deprive the users of the existing connectivity.</p>
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Request to swap Balaramapuram to Kanniyakumari and from Nagercoil to Tirunelveli to Madurai Division and Sengottai (Excl.) – Punalur-Kollam line to Thiruvananthapuram Division</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Change in Jurisdiction of divisional boundary pertains to Railway board.</p>
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request to start Train no. 16861/16862 PDY – CAPE Express in the evening after 17.00 hrs and in return direction to reach Puducherry after 9.00 hrs and extend the train to Kollam.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to passage constraints in VM – TPJ-MDU-TEN sections it is operationally not feasible to change the timings of Train No. 16861/16862 as suggested.</p> <p>Due to path constraints in TVC-NCJ single line section, it is not feasible to extend the train to Kollam as suggested.</p>
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Request for extension 16649/50 Parasuram Express to Tirunelveli or Tuticorin.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> On extension to Tirunelveli, in order to pick up the existing timings from Nagercoil (04.05 hrs), Train No. 16650 Express will have to depart around 02.00 hrs which is inconvenient. Hence, the proposal is not feasible.</p>

<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request to increase the frequency of Train No. 22657/22658 Tambaram-Nagercoil Tri-Weekly Express and Train No. 16181/16182 MS-SCT Silambu (Tri-Weekly) Express to Daily.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore and path constraints enroute, it is not feasible to increase the frequency of Train No. 22657/22658 Tambaram-Nagercoil TriWeekly Express Train No. 16181/16182 MS-SCT Silambu (Tri-Weekly) Express to Daily.
<b>21.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of 12611/12612 Chennai-Nizamuddin Garib Rath to Kanniyakumari</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Path constraints in Madurai – Virudunagar – Tirunelveli – Nagercoil section and infrastructural constraints at Kanniyakumari preclude extension of T.No.12611/12612 to Kanniyakumari as suggested.
<b>22.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Thiruvananthapuram Central-Veraval Express No.;16333/16334 Weekly express to Tirunelveli.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16333/16334 Veraval – Thiruvananthapuram Express is run in an integrated link with Train No. 12697/12698 Chennai Central – Thiruvananthapuram (W) Express and hence it is not feasible to extend Train No. 1633/34 to Tirunelveli as suggested.
<b>23.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of T. No. 20601/20602 Chennai Central-Madurai Tri Weekly Express to Tirunelveli.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 20601/20602 Chennai Central – Madurai (TW) Express is proposed for extension to Bodinayakanur.
<b>25.0</b>	<b>Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Central, it is not feasible to increase the frequency of T.No.12689/90 Chennai Central-Nagercoil Weekly Express.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Central, it is not feasible to increase the frequency of T.No.12689/90 Chennai Central-Nagercoil Weekly Express.
<b>24.0</b>	<b>Request of current position after conducting survey for railway track from Kanniyakumari-Karaikudi, Tirunelveli-Sankarancoil and Aloor-Chettikulam</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> a) <b>Kanyakumari - Karaikkudi</b> : There is no sanction by Railway Board.

	<p>b) <b>Tirunelveli - Sankarankovil</b> : (77.41 km) Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new Railway line between Tirunelveli and sankarankovil via Pudur, Sendamaram, Surandai was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 30/06/2016. Abstract Cash Value: Rs.655.84 Cr. ROR is (-) 12.662% . Railway Board has shelved the Project.</p> <p>c) <b>Aloor - Chettikulam Railway Line</b> : (20.50 km) Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new Railway line between Aloor, Nagercoil and Chettikulam was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 31/08/2016. Abstract Cash Value: Rs.293.35 Cr. ROR is (-) 8.038% . Railway Board has shelved the Project.</p>
<b>26.0</b>	<b>Request for MEMU Shed at Tirunelveli.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present in Southern Railway MEMU maintenance facilities are available at Palakkad, Kollam, Avadi and TBM which take care of all the maintenance activities of EMU/MEMU rakes. Hence MEMU shed at Tirunelveli is not required as of now.</p>
<b>27.0</b>	<b>Request to divert Train No.16353/34 Nagercoil-Kacheguda weekly express currently runs via Tiruchirappalli, Namakkal, Salem.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Diversion of the train as suggested will deprive this service for the existing users in this route.</p>
<b>28.0</b>	<b>Request to operate Nagercoil-Mumbai CST Train No.16351/16352 bi-weekly train through Arakkonam bye pass.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestion will be examined.</p>
<b>29.0</b>	<b>Request review electrification of Tirunelveli-Kollam and Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur railway line and to update progress.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> With reference to letter above, Railway Electrification works in Tiruchendur – Tirunelveli –Tenkasi - Sengottai and Kollam– Punalur section are targeted to complete in mission 100% electrification and will be completed before March 2023.</p> <p>Tender for electrification work in section between Sengottai – Punalur (49RKM) opened and it is under finalization.</p> <p>As per the current progress the Railway Electrification work on railway side the section between Tirunelveli –Tenkasi - Sengottai is targeted in December 2022 and the section between Kollam – Punalur in March 2022.</p>



	<p>For giving Power supply arrangement to the Railway Traction substations, transmission lines from TNEB portion are to be completed. The details are as follows.</p> <p>For commissioning the Tirunelveli –Tenkasi - Sengottai section, commissioning of Veeravanallur and Arumuganeri TSS is mandatory.</p> <p><b>Veeravanallur TSS:</b> Estimate cost of Rs.6.08 Crs paid to TANGEDCO on 22.03.2021. Transmission Line through UG cabling for 0.673 km from 110kV SS/Veeravanallur to Veeravanallur/TSS. Tender opened at HQ/TANTRANSCO is under finalization since July'2021(Tender opened on 25.06.2021 and negotiation done for rates on higher side by bidders).</p> <p>Last meeting held with MD/TANTRANSCO on 31.08.2021, During the meeting it was committed by MD to finalize the tender and to complete transmission line work of Veeravanallur in March 2022.</p> <p><b>Arumuganeri /TSS:</b> Estimated cost of Rs. 14.23 Crs paid to TANTRANSCO on 07.04.2021, for supply and erection of single circuit Over Head Transmission Line for 3.125 km from 110kV SS/Arumuganeri to Arumuganeri/TSS. Tender for OH line awarded on 05.07.2021. These transmission lines have 14 towers. As on date work yet to commence. Right of way (ROW) issues for 06 nos of towers are to be erected inside Salt Pan area at Arumuganeri falls under Salt authorities of India.</p> <p>For commissioning of Kollam – Punalur section, Punalur TSS is mandatory.</p> <p><b>Punalur TSS:</b> Transmission line through UG cabling – 3.5km (approx.). Estimate from KSEB is awaited and Estimate is expected for the month of Jan'22 for arranging payment.</p> <p>Assistance is solicited from TANGEDCO to expedite transmission line work so that the section can be commissioned as per target.</p>
<b>30.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Train No. 12663/64 HWH – TPJ (BW) Express to CAPE.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 12663/12664 Howrah–Tiruchchirappalli Bi-weekly Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli. Lie-over time available for the train on Tuesdays is 9 hours 55 minutes which is insufficient for its extension to Kanniyakumari as suggested.</p>
<b>31.0</b>	<b>Request for Extension of Mangalore – Thiruvananthapuram Train to Tirunelveli.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to path constraints in Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil-Tirunelveli section the proposal for extension is not feasible at this juncture.</p>

<b>32.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Quilon-Kanniyakumari MEMU train to Tuticorin</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The lie-over time available at Kanniyakumari for Train no. 66304/66305 Kollam – Kanniyakumari MEMU is only 70 minutes which is not sufficient for extension to Tuticorin.</p>
<b>33.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Kochuveli-Lokmanya Tilak Train No.22114/22113 to Tirunelveli</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The lie-over time available for Train No. 22113/22114 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Kochuveli (BW) Express is 4 hrs 10 minutes which is insufficient for its extension to Tirunelveli.</p>
<b>34.0</b>	<b>Request for current position, review and update the progress of new railway lines and doubling railway projects sanctioned in 2014-15 to 2021-22 works.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Following are the doubling projects sanctioned between the years 2014 and 2022:-</p> <p><b>(a)Trivandrum-Kanniyakumari Doubling:-</b> The project was sanctioned in the year 2015-16. The work can be commenced and progressed only after getting the required land duly acquired by Govt of Kerala and Tamil Nadu and work can be commissioned in 24 months of handing over of land.</p> <p><b>(b)Turavur- Ambalapuzha Doubling:-</b> This project was sanctioned in the year 2015-16. Final approval for this project is not yet communicated by Railway Board. This project was frozen by Railway Board on 26.09.2019. Based on the request for taking up the doubling on this section located on Heavy Utilised Network (HUN), Railway Board has de-frozen this project on 01.05.2020 and has decided to execute this project as fully funded Railway Project. Updated Detailed Project report with a Detailed estimate for Rs 1281.63 Crores has been submitted to Railway Board during June 2021 for approval. Approval to this detailed project report is yet to be communicated by Railway Board. 34.79 Ha of land in Alappuzha District needs to be acquired by Government of Kerala. This work can be commissioned in 24 months of handing over of land by Government of Kerala.</p> <p><b>(c)Netravati-Mangalore Central Doubling:-</b> Doubling in this section was sanctioned in the year 2016- 17. All the works have been completed and the doubling commissioned on 10.02.2021.</p>

<b>35.0</b>	<b>Request for increasing the frequency of Train No. 22621/22622 CAPE – RMM Express to daily.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 22621/22622 runs in an integrated link with Train No. 16779/16780 Tirupati – Rameswaram (TW) Express. Also, Train No. 22627 Rameswaram – Kanniyakumari (TW) Express shares a common path with Train No. 12642 H. Nizamuddin – Kanniyakumari (BW) Express. Hence it is not feasible to increase the frequency of the train to daily as suggested.</p>
<b>36.0</b>	<b>Request to consider following demands in Madurai-Nagercoil doubling project.</b>
	<b>a. Complete the doubling project within the specified time period.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Madurai – Nagercoil Doubling Project :-  106 km out of 230 km of doubling has already been commissioned so far. Works are in progress over the remaining stretch, where adequate Railway land is available and Land acquisition is in progress in the remaining stretches. The project suffered minor delay on account of COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
	<b>b. Provide automatic interlock facility in all the stations in this route to ensure speediness of the train.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  All stations are being provided with Electronic Interlocking and Multi aspect colour light Signalling</p>
	<b>c. Provide more number of four line crossing station to avoid unnecessary delays due to crossing of trains or overtaking of trains</b>
	<p><b><u>Response</u></b>  There are 19 Nos. of crossing stations between Madurai and Nagercoil, where 12 stations have been provided with 4 lines or more. As regards remaining stations, the number of lines have been provided as per the operational requirements.</p>
	<b>d. Fixing all the prevailing technical defects in this sector to ensure efficiency</b>
	<p><b><u>Response :</u></b>  All efforts are being put in this direction during execution of the work.</p>
	<b>e. Remove manned gates, making them ROB or RUB.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Wherever the ground conditions permit, without the possibility of water stagnation, subways are being provided in lieu of Level Crossings. Remaining level crossings are being interlocked to ensure safety. The manned LCs will be eliminated by railways by providing ROB, RUB, or subways as per the following</p>

	<p>criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level crossings which have more than 1 lakh TVU will be eliminated on a 50:50 cost sharing basis by ROBs and RUBs with the State Government as per Railway Board Policy guidelines, subject to technical feasibility at the site.</li> <li>• Level crossings which fall on National Highways (NH) will be eliminated by NHAI, 100% at their own cost, by ROBs and RUBs as per the MoU executed between Railways and NHAI/MoRTH on 10.11.2014.</li> <li>• Level crossings with less than 1 lakh TVU will be eliminated by constructing Limited Height Subways (LHS), after an examination of the site suitability from a drainage point of view in order to avoid future water logging.</li> <li>• Deposit LCs will be eliminated only on deposit terms by the provision of ROBs/RUBs/Subways.</li> </ul>
	<b>f. Remove all speed restrictions, gradually reaching the average speed 150 kms/hours.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The suggestion of Hon'ble MP is noted.</p>
	<b>g. This is the right time for remodelling and expanding Nagercoil and Tirunelveli station yard</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Along with Yard remodelling of Nagercoil additional Passenger amenities and Coach Maintenance Facilities will be provided.</p> <p>Similarly, the existing yard at Tirunelveli is being remodelled along with Doubling and additional passenger amenities will be provided.</p>
	<b>h. I strongly recommend RVNL to carry out Nagercoil and Tirunelveli terminal expansion work, along with TEN doubling work, to avoid any delay and further issues.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Works for Terminal facilities, viz. Coach Maintenance facility by Extension of 3 pit lines, Construction of 2 new pit lines, construction of water supply system, Construction of 10 stabling lines including Goods unloading line are being constructed at Nagercoil.</p> <p>As regards Tirunelveli, the yard is being expanded to handle more number of trains.</p>
	<b>i. Construction of two separate dedicated tracks for Tirunelveli Junction to Palayamkottai</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Doubling in this section is not justified at present level of traffic and will be considered when operational need arises.</p>

	<b>j. Construction of two separate dedicated tracks for Tirunelveli Junction to Tirunelveli Town</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Doubling in this section is not justified at present level of traffic and will be considered when operational need arises.
	<b>k. Ensure track designs suitable for the operation of Speed High Speed trains (160 kms / hour).</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestion of Hon'ble MP is noted.
	<b>l. Construct a railway station near Madurai AIMS Hospital visitors.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Construction of railway station near Madurai AIMS Hospital Will be considered when need arises.
	<b>m. Make Aralvaimozhi to Nagercoil Town station separate two line and also Nagercoil Junction to Aralvaimozhi separate two line.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Doubling of bye pass line is being carried out between Aralvaimozhi and Nagercoil Town.  The track is getting doubled between Nagercoil Junction and Aralvaimozhi under the doubling project, which is in progress in Madurai – Nagercoil section.
<b>37.0</b>	<b>Request to straightening the curve and increase the speed of the train in this Tirunelveli-Melapalayam section.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The compelling ground conditions between Melapalayam and Tirunelveli makes necessary to retain the existing sharp curves. Eliminating the sharp curves will require land acquisition over a large area in the city limits of Tirunelveli town, which will have a huge impact on existing settlement and is very expensive. However, due to doubling of Tirunelveli-Melapalayam section, detention due to train crossings will be eliminated.
<b>38.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Train No. 12615/12616 MAS – NDLS GT Express and Train No. 12621/12622 MAS – NDLS Tamilnadu Express to CAPE.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 12615/12616 MGR Chennai Central- New Delhi Grand Trunk Express and Train No. 12621/12622 MGR Chennai Central- New Delhi Tamilnadu Express are well patronised and extension of these trains as suggested will result in reduced capacity for the existing users and hence not feasible.

<b>39.0</b>	<b>a. Request to extend Train No.16031/16032 to Kanniyakumari via Villupuram, Kumbakonam and Madurai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16031/32 MGR Chennai Central – Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra (TW) Express runs in an integrated link with maintenance at Chennai Central. The lie over time available for the train at Chennai is insufficient for its extension or increase its frequency to daily as suggested.
	<b>b. Request to operate daily train service to Kanniyakumari-Baramulla via Tirunelveli and Madurai route with following train rakes</b> <b>i. 16787/16788 Tirunelveli-Katra weekly – 1 Rake</b> <b>ii. 16031/16032 Chennai Central-Katra tri weekly – 2 Rake</b> <b>iii. 12687/12688 Madurai-Chandigarh Bi weekly – 2 Rake</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> At present the following trains are operated to Katra. 1.16787/16788 Tirunelveli-Katra weekly 2.16317/18 Kanniyakumar- Katra weekly and it is sufficient to present level of traffic.
<b>40.0</b>	<b>Allot LHB coaches to Train no. 16366 Nagercoil – Kottayam Express and extend it to Tuticorin on one side and Ernakulam on other side and operate it as Tuticorin – Ernakulam intercity Express</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train no. 16366 Nagercoil – Kottayam Express runs in an integrated link with other trains. Hence it is not feasible to extend the train as suggested. All conventional ICF coaches will be progressively replaced with LHB coaches.
<b>41.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Erode-Tirunelveli 56825/56826 express and upto Kochuveli</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16845/16846 Erode – Tirunelveli Express (old No. 56825/56826) runs in an integrated line and hence to extension of the train to Kochuveli is not feasible.
<b>42.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Chennai Central-Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express weekly service to Trivandram via Madurai, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The lie over time available for Train No. 12433/12434 Chennai – Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express at Chennai is insufficient for its extension to Thiruvananthapuram.

43.0	<b>Request for stoppage of following trains at Valliyur Railway Station</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train No.12641/12642 -Thirukkural SF Express (Weekly exp)</li> <li>• Train No.12665/12666 -Howrah -Kanniyakumari Superfast Express (Weekly exp)</li> <li>• Train No. 12667/12668 Chennai Egmore -Nagercoil weekly superfast(Weekly exp)</li> <li>• Train No. 16730 Punalur -Madurai Express (daily)</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>Remarks:</u></b>  Provision of stoppage of trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board.</p> <p>The average tickets per day per train at Valliyur is less than the norms of Railway Board for provision of stoppage of additional of trains.</p> <p>Stoppage of T. no. 16730 Punalur– Madurai Exp. (Old No. 56701) was eliminated as it was a poorly patronized stoppage.</p>
44.0	<b>Request for extension of Tiruchendur-Pollachi Train No.06731/06732 express to Coimbatore</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No.06731/06732 Tiruchendur-Pollachi passenger Train is currently operated as Train No 16731/32 Tiruchendur-Pallakad Express. Diversion of this train to Coimbatore will deprive the existing users. Also, due to the terminal constraints at Coimbatore it is not feasible to extend this train at present.</p>

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	<b>Shri Hibi Eden, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Ernakulam Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request for development of Marshaling Yard into a new Terminal.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> There is no sanctioned work for the development of Ernakulam Marshalling Yard to a new Terminal at present. Matter is referred to Railway Board for consideration and awaiting for decision.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to provide automatic signalling at Emakulam and Shornur, 2 lines from Kottayam and Alappuzha is merging at Ernakulam and Trains coming via both these routes are running via Ernakulam -Shoranur Line.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Provision of "Automatic Signalling System n lieu of Absolute Block Signalling System" is being taken up in phased manner depending upon the traffic requirement. Proposal for the Following work at a cost of Rs.316.89 Crore is sent to Railway Board for consideration in Supplementary Works Programme proposal 2021-2022: "Provision of Automatic Signalling over Ernakulam-Punkunnam section (76 RKM) Phase-I of Ernakulam-Shoranur Automatic Signalling".
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request for Ernakulam junction redevelopment.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Redevelopment of Ernakulam Junction station has been entrusted to Southern Railway in October-2021 to be executed as a Railway Work as and when is sanctioned. Plans and estimate for this work is finalised it will be submitted for sanction and tender for the work is floated after sanction.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Platform No.2, 4, 5, 6 at Ernakulam Junction with request to include this work in coming budget.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Extension of Platform at Ernakulam Jn. station involves complete and major yard remodeling, as it requires shifting of all the points and signals on Shoranur end. A work involving these extensions will be proposed after study.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request for provision of FOB at Ernakulam Town.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> <b>Ernakulam Town</b> is a NSG3 category station on Shoranur – Ernakulam section. Tender for providing additional FOB has been awarded and the work is yet to be started for want of Mix design details from the Agency. However, the work is planned to be completed by Sep'2022.



6.0	<b>Request for construction of an Inspection Road near the Pipeline Corridor of BPCL near Ponnurunni.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The following remarks were already conveyed to the Hon'ble MP on 28.10.2020 for his earlier representation Dt.20.02.2021  <b><i>“Provision of pathway in Railway land for public usage falls under way leave facility, for which proper request with location sketch and the work proposed to be taken along with the relevant drawings, have to be submitted online, in the Railway website <a href="https://ircep.gov.in/IR-RBCS">https://ircep.gov.in/IR-RBCS</a> by the local public authority to the Senior Divisional Engineer / Thiruvananthapuram Division with the consent, to remit the requisite way leave charges as per Railway Board circular and to remit the Expenditure involved for covering the drainage of 2 metre width and 200 metre length. On receipt of the request online, and after ascertaining the technical feasibility, further suitable action will be taken by Railways.”</i></b></p> <p>In the present representation, the Hon'ble MP has raised the same issue. It is stated by the Division that “No such proposal has been received from Local Body. If any such proposal is submitted the same will be processed and further action taken.</p>
7.0	<b>Remedies for Hardships of Kumbalam-Kareethara Residents near Kumbalam Railway Station.</b>
	<b>i. Request for construction of concrete wall on both sides of Kareethara canal.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The following remarks were already conveyed to the Hon'ble MP on 26.10.2020 for his earlier representation Dt.06.07.2021.  <b><i>“Recently Railway Board has launched an online platform for these type of proposals, for which the beneficiaries have to register their request through online platform <a href="https://ircep.gov.in/IR-RBCS">https://ircep.gov.in/IR-RBCS</a> for the easy disposal as well as proper monitoring to get the benefits to beneficiaries in time. Hence the beneficiaries may be advised to process their request through online. In addition to this, as per the extant instructions, any work inside the Railway Boundary for an outsider can be dealt as a deposit work only.”</i></b></p> <p><b>1 &amp; 2:</b> Recently railway board has launched online platform for these type of case for which the beneficiary parties has to register their request through online platform <a href="https://ircep.gov.in/IR">https://ircep.gov.in/IR</a> LAMS for the easy disposal as well as proper monitoring to get the benefits to beneficiaries in time. Hence the beneficiaries may be advised to process their request through online. In addition to this, as per the provisions in codes and acts, any work inside the Railway Boundary for an outsider can be dealt as a deposit work only. DRM /TVC will request the local body regarding this issue.</p>

	<b>ii. Request for travel permission for vehicles through the road behind railway station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Railway board has launched an online platform for these types of proposals for which the beneficiaries have to register their request through online platform <a href="https://ircep.gov.in/IR-RBCS">https://ircep.gov.in/IR-RBCS</a> for approval and sanction.</p> <p><i>1 &amp; 2: Recently railway board has launched online platform for these type of case for which the beneficiary parties has to register their request through online platform <a href="https://ircep.gov.in/IR">https://ircep.gov.in/IR</a> LAMS for the easy disposal as well as proper monitoring to get the benefits to beneficiaries in time. Hence the beneficiaries may be advised to process their request through online. In addition to this, as per the provisions in codes and acts, any work inside the Railway Boundary for an outsider can be dealt as a deposit work only</i></p>
	<b>iii. Further plans for Doubling of track at Kumbalam.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Detailed Estimates for doubling of Ernakulam-Kumbalam and Kumbalm- Turavur Doubling projects have been submitted to railway Board during June 2021. Sanction to detailed estimate is awaited from railway Board.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request for status of Utilisation of MP Fund for construction of compound wall, drainage and laying floor tiles in the parking area.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Detailed estimate was sent to District Planning officer for arranging the payment on October 2021.</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request to set up Grievance redressal mechanism or Adalath.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Any construction activity within 30 meters from Railway boundary requires NOC of the Railways in order to avoid Blockage of natural water resources and unsafe situation to the travelling public by Train. Normally NOC are granted adjoining to Railway land if the authority does not have any future proposal for the developing the Railway network and the party should have an access to the building. In most of the cases these parties are utilizing Railway land as their pathway which is prohibited under relevant clauses of Indian Railway act and various codal, Manual provisions. Under this circumstances the party has to apply for Way Leave Facilities through online which will be granted if Railway safety is not endangered. Specific cases if any suggested by Hon'ble MP may be looked into and feedback can be submitted.</p>

<b>10.0</b>	<b>Request for development of Thripunithura Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  TRTR yard deals with Goods trains going through from ERN to KTYM, KYJ areas or from IPN to TEN in both directions. Such non-stopping goods trains cannot be taken in PF loop line causing delays. Hence Platform on loop line is necessary for stopping trains. As regards using of abandoned steel siding line this has been examined and land is not available to use it for construction and extension of platform. Mainline platform construction involves major yard changes with slewing of tracks and will affect running of goods trains and non-stopping trains if main line platform is occupied by a stopping train.</p>
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request for provision of Train departure/arrival boards in platforms in Ernakulam Junction.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  At present such electronic information boards are provided through publicity contract earning tenders. The specification of boards shall be suitably modified while inviting fresh tenders. The tentative completion of work by <b>June 2022</b></p>
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of 12683 Ernakulam Banasawadi Triweekly Express to Shimoga.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The suggestion is noted and will be discussed with South Western Railway.</p>
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request for Ernakulam-Rameswaram Express.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The proposal for speeding up and extension of Train No. 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram – Madurai Amrita Express to Rameswaram has been finalised and forwarded to Railway Board. However orders of Railway Board in this regard are awaited. Once this happens, the requirements for a service from Ernakulam to Rameswaram will be met.</p>
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request for Mangalore Central-Ernakulam Daily Superfast express.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Due to terminal constraints at Mangaluru Central, introduction of additional trains is not feasible at present. Once the augmentation work at Mangalore Central is over, this suggestion will be reexamined.</p>
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request for Ernakulam-Mumbai Daily Superfast.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Currently, 24 pairs of Mail/Express trains (Daily – 2, Weekly: 14 pairs, Bi-Weekly: 7 pairs, Tri-weekly: 1 pair) are providing connectivity between Ernakulam and Panvel. This is felt sufficient for the current demand.</p>

<b>16.0</b>	<b>Request for Ernakulam Salem Intercity reaching Coimbatore before 10 am. From Salem between 14.00 hrs and 20.00 there is no train towards Palakkad.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Currently 35 pairs of Mail/Express trains (Daily: 12 pairs, Weekly: 16 pairs, Bi-Weekly: 5 pairs, Tri-weekly: 2 pairs) are providing connectivity between Ernakulam and Salem. The current line capacity between Ernakulam and Shoranur does not allow for additional coaching trains on this section.</p>
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Request for Ernakulam Velankanni Biweekly to Daily</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Time table for a new Bi-weekly Express between Ernakulam and Velankanni has been finalized and submitted to Railway Board. However, orders for introduction have not been received.</p> <p>Depending on the patronage of the train when introduced, the feasibility of increasing the frequency to daily will be examined.</p>
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request for Ernakulam-Chennai Weekly Express</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Central, it is not feasible to introduce additional trains.</p> <p>Holiday Specials are operated based on commercial demand during festivals and holidays</p>
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Request to run Kannur Janshatabadi as a biweekly service to Ernakulam.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to path constraints in Ernakulam-Shoranur section, the suggestion is not operationally feasible.</p>
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Ernakulam Nizamuddin Duranto Express (12283) to Kalka/Chandigarh for the convenience of tourist heading to Kulu, Manali regions.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> As the subject pertains to Northern Railway, the request will be forwarded to Northern Railway.</p>

<b>21.0</b>	<b>Frequency increase of trains</b>
	<b>i. Request to increase Ernakulam-Patna trains (22643/44, 16359/60)</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 22643 Ernakulam – Patna (BW) Express shares a common path with Train No. 12515 Coimbatore – Guwahati (W) Express between Coimbatore-Gudur, 12509 KSR Bengaluru – Guwahati (TW) Express from Jolarpettai-Gudur.</p> <p>Train No. 22644 Patna- Ernakulam (BW) Express shares a common path with Train No. 22642 Shalimar-Thiruvananthapuram (BW) Express between Gudur - Ernakulam, 15228 Muzzafarpur-Yesvanthpur (W) Express from Gudur - Jolarpettai.</p> <p>Train No. 16359 Ernakulam – Patna (W) Express shares a common path with Train No. 22403 Puducherry-New Delhi (W) Express, T. No. 14816 Tiruchchirappalli – Bhagat Koti (W) Express., T. No. 15119 Rameswaram – Manduadi (W) Express and T. No. 16793 RMM-FD (W) Express in Chennai Central- Gudur section and 19567 Tuticorin-Okha (W) Express in Erode-Jolarpettai section, Train No. 22498 Tiruchchirappalli -Sriganganagar (W) Express between Salem- Jolarpettai.</p> <p>Train No. 16360 Patna - Ernakulam (W) Express shares a common path with Train No. 14815 Bhagat Ki Koti - Tiruchchirappalli (W) Express, 16863 Bhagat Ki Koti – Mannargudi (W) Express, 22404 New Delhi – Puducherry (W) Express in Gudur - Chennai Central section and Train No. 12540 Lucknow – Yesvanthpur (W) Express in Gudur - Jolarpettai section.  Hence it is not feasible to increase the frequency of these trains as suggested.</p>
	<b>ii. Request to change weekly train No.11097/11098) Pune-Ernakulam Poorna Express as tri-weekly</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Train No. 11098 Ernakulam – Pune (W) Express shares a common path with Train No. 22633 Thiruvananthapuram-H.Nizammuddin (W) Express, Train No. 12431M Thiruvananthapuram – H.Nizammuddin Rajdhani (TW) Express and Train No. 12977M Ernakulam – All (W) Express.</p> <p>Similarly, Train No. 11097 Pune – Ernakulam (W) Express shares a common path with Train No. 12644 H.Nizammuddin – Thiruvananthapuram (W) Express, T. no. 12646 H.Nizammuddin - Ernakulam (W) Express and T. No. 22207 Chennai Central - Thiruvananthapuram (BW) Express.</p> <p>Hence it is not feasible to increase the frequency of T. No. 11097/11098 to Tri-weekly as suggested.</p>

	<b>iii. Request to make Ernakulam-Howrah Antyodya (22878/77) as daily train.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Train No. 22878 Ernakulam – Howrah (W) Express shares a common path with T. No. 12283 Ernakulam – H.Nizammuddin (W) Express in Ernakulam - Shoranur section, T. No. 22838 Ernakulam – Hatia (W) Express, T. No. 18568 Kollam-Visakapatnam (W) Express in Ernakulam -Renigunta section and Train No. 12690 Nagercoil- Chennai Central (W) in Salem-Melpakkam section.</p> <p>Train No. 22877 Howrah- Ernakulam (W) Express shares a common path with T. No. 22207 Chennai Central - Thiruvananthapuram (BW) Express in Jolarpettai -Shoranur section.</p> <p>Hence not feasible.</p>

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	<b>Shri T.N. Prathapan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Thrissur Constituency</b>
	<b><u>GURUVAYUR</u></b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request to take up construction of Guruvayur -Thirunnavaya line early and put efforts to complete soon</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> This new line was included in the Railway Budget for the year 1995-96. The alignment of this new line from Tirunavaya to Guruvayur (35km) was finally approved by the Government of Kerala in April 2009, after a delay of 14 years from sanction of the project. Railway had taken immediate action for the final location survey of this project along the alignment approved by Government of Kerala. Alignment could be surveyed only for the first 8 km, i.e., between Guruvayur and Kunnamkulam. Alignment was finalised and land requirement was furnished to the Kerala Government for this 8 Km stretch. Part estimate for the new line from Guruvayur to Kunnamkulam was also sanctioned.</p> <p>For the remaining 27 km from Kunnamkulam to Tirunavaya, Final Location Survey was obstructed by the public protesting against the approved alignment. Even after several discussions by Government of Kerala with public representatives, the disputes on the alignment could not be sorted out and the Railway could not progress with the final location survey. On account of stiff local resistance and law &amp; order problems which resulted in huge throw forward, it was decided by Railway Board to keep Tirunavaya-Guruvayur New Railway line project in abeyance with instructions to not incur any expenditure until further orders, vide D.O letter No.2019/W-1/Genl/Budget/1 dated.26.09.2019 and hence no work is being done on this project at present.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to construct ROB at Thiruvenkidam area for the benefit of local people in Guruvayur with necessary and timely approvals from Railways</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Railway has no proposal for construction of an underpass at Thiruvenkidam, Guruvayur. However, the proposals and suggestions were received from the Local Self Government Authorities requesting for construction of RUB/LUS etc. at their own cost. Accordingly, a proposal for construction of Limited Use Subway (LUS) at km .22/900 in Guruvayur Yard, i.e., Thiruvenkidam was submitted by Guruvayur Municipality. Centage charges of Rs.8.12 lakhs also was also paid by Guruvayur Municipality. Accordingly, a tentative GAD and draft Detailed Estimate were prepared and sent to Guruvayur Municipality on 10.12.2019 for conveying their in-principle approval as well as for arranging funds for processing further. No reply has been received so far from Guruvayur Municipality regarding the tentative GAD which sent to the on 10.12.2019. As a principle all subway works are being done by open line organization and Thiruvananthapuram Division is having objection in the feasibility of the construction of Limited Use Subway in the yard.</p>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request for Yard Modification in Guruvayur may be completed by connecting rail line in PF No.3 with line 2 in the northern end for operational flexibility.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Yard modification works at Guruvayur is planned as part of the Tirunavaya-Guruvayur New line project. Since this project has been kept in abeyance by Railway Board, Yard modification at Guruvayur involving acquisition of land could not be taken up.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce Mainline Electric Multiple Units (MEMUs) or Rail Bus in Guruvayur-Thrissur Sector</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> At present, 3 pairs of Express trains and 3 pairs of Passenger trains are running on Guruvayur –Thrissur section. There are path constraints in Punkunnam-Thrissur section which preclude introduction of shuttle MEMU services. However, it is the policy of Indian Railways to progressively replace all conventional passenger trains with MEMU.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request to originate Trains to other Pilgrim Centers like Rameshwaram, Tirupati, Mookambika Road etc. from Guruvayur.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to terminal constraints at Guruvayur and path constraints in Thrissur – Shoranur section, introduction of additional trains from Guruvayur is not feasible.</p>
	<b><u>PUNKUNNAM</u></b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request to provide more platform shelters and seats at both the platforms of Punkunnam.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Punkunnam is an NSG6 category station. This station is provided with 318sqm on PF shelter on PF 1 and 156 sqm of shelter on PF 2 as against the minimum requirement of 50 sqm on each PF as per norms sqm. This Station is provided with 198 No. of seats. In addition, 2 No. of 4-seater steel benches are also sanctioned and will be provided shortly.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request to allow stoppage of Train No.16307/16308 Express Train at Punkunnam.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The average ticket sale at Punkunnam is less than the Railway Board's norms for provision of stoppage of additional Express trains. However, Train No. 16307/16308 Alappuzha – Kannur Intercity Express stops at Thrissur which is 2 kms from Punkunnam.</p>



<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request to restore stoppage of Train No.16341 Guruvayur-Thiruvananthapuram Intercity Express at Punkunnam.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage for Train No. 16341 Guruvayur – Thiruvananthapuram Intercity Express was eliminated as it was poorly patronised.
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request to resurface approach road in front of Punkunnam.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> No sanction available. The demand will be looked into along with future development works.
	<b><u>THRISSUR</u></b>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Request to develop Thrissur being an NSG2 to international standards.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Thrissur is an NSG2 category Station. This station is provided with all the Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms. This station was developed as Model station in (2008-09), Modern station in (2009-10) and Adarsh Station Scheme in (2013-14). Thrissur station has been identified by Railway Board recently for redevelopment as and when the same is entrusted the same will be executed.
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request to allow permanent stoppage for 22837/22838 Hatia-Ernakulam Express at Thrissur.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage of Train No. 22837/22838 Hatia-Ernakulam Exp at Thrissur has been recommended to Railway Board. The request will be reiterated.
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Request to extend newly constructed wider FOB in Thrissur towards west connecting with PF 4 and second entry and develop 2<sup>nd</sup> entry.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Tender called for extension of FOB but discharged due to non eligibility. Retendering will be done.  The possibility of relocating of existing Escalator to second entry is being explored after extending FOB.
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request to construct Multi-level parking facility on the western side of Thrissur Railway Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> At present there is no proposal for construction of Multilevel parking. Possibility of providing the facility through BOT mode will be explored.

<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request to install Coach guidance system in PF Nos.1 &amp; 2/3 of Thrissur Station</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Manual Coach Indication boards are available. Digital coach indication Board shall be provided through advertisement contracts.
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request to provide complete covered roofing for PF Nos.1 &amp; 2/3 in Thrissur.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This station is provided with 3570 sq.m. of PF Shelter on PF No.1, 5264 sq.m. of Shelter on PF No.2/3 and 180 sq.m. on PF No.4 against the requirement of 500 sq.m. on each platform as per norms. Provision of PF Shelters on PF No. 4 against the shortfall will be proposed in the ensuing work programme.
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Request to convert Road-5 as a coaching road by constructing a platform between 5 &amp; 6 at Thrissur Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Suggestion is noted and the technical and operational feasibility will be examined based on traffic needs.
	<b><u>OLLUR</u></b>
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Request to construct a second platform at Ollur for north bound trains.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Current level of traffic managed with existing Single Platform at Ollur station.
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request to provide more platform shelters and seats at Ollur.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Ollur is an NSG6 category station having single platform and provided with 264sq.m. of PF Shelter against the requirement of 50 sqm. as per norms and adequate for the level of traffic dealt. Further this station is provided with 136 Nos. of seats.
	<b><u>PUDUKAD</u></b>
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Request to propose a Foot Over Bridge at Pudukad connecting 1 and 2 platforms.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Provision of Foot Over Bridge at this station is not feasible due to narrow width of PF No. 2. However, trolley path is available at ERS end facilitating inter platform transfer.

<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request to develop second platform in Pudukad &amp; provide more platform shelters and seats in both the platforms.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Pudukad is an NSG6 category Station. This station is provided with all the Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms This Station is provided with 570sq.m. of Shelter on PF No.1 and 116sq.m. of Shelter on PF No.2. against the norms of 50 sqm each platform. This station is also provided with 317 No. of seats.
<b>21.0</b>	<b>Request to provide Advance reservation facility at Pudukad.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Two PRS facilities are available within 15km from Pudukad, at Irinjalakkuda and Thrissur and therefore providing reservation facility at PUK is not justifiable.
<b>22.0</b>	<b>Request to reinstate stop for 16327 Punalur-Guruvayur Express at Pudukad.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage for Train No. 16327 Punalur - Guruvayur Express was eliminated as it was poorly patronized
	<b><u>NELLAYI</u></b>
<b>23.0</b>	<b>Request to renovate Station building at Nellore.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Nellore is a HG2 halt station. The station building Periodically maintained.
<b>24.0</b>	<b>Request to provide Facility at Nellore and other halt stations to issue computerized tickets by online deposit (topup) of money by halt to help commuters.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> At all stations over Southern Railway including Nellore issue of printed card tickets have been done away with and instead pre-printed computerized tickets are made available through halt agents
<b>25.0</b>	<b>Request for Construction of ROBs at Nellore and Alathur may be sanctioned</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>Nellore ROB:-</u></b> The proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC.No.32 at Nellore Gate at km. 50/100-200 between Pudukad & Irinjalakkuda stations was sanctioned vide PB No.442 of 2017-18. Draft General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) submitted by Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala (RBDCK) has been verified and remarks conveyed on 13- 08-2021. RBDCK has not yet submitted the corrected GAD.

	<b><u>Alathur ROB:-</u></b> The proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC 33 at Alathur Gate at km. 51/600-700 between Pudukad & Irinjalakuda stations was sanctioned vide PB No.441 of 2017-18. Draft GAD submitted by RBDCK has been verified and remarks conveyed on 29- 11-2021. RBDCK is yet to submit the corrected GAD.
<b>26.0</b>	<b>Request to cover complete area in front of Irinjalakuda Station to save passengers and vehicles from bird droppings.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Irinjalakuda is an NSG5 category station. The front area of this station is covered with huge trees. Provision of covering at this location is not feasible due to presence of big trees and cutting/felling of them is objected by forest department. However, shelter for two wheelers is made available to the possible extent.
<b>27.0</b>	<b>Request to construct Road under Bridge(RUB) on the northern side of Irinjalakuda platform to facilitate easy movement of common people.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Request for RUB on the northern side of Irinjalakuda platform is presumed to be Subway in lieu of LC No.36 at km 56/000-100 in between Pudukad and Irinjalakuda Stations. ROB and Subway have been sanctioned for this LC during 2018-19. GAD has been approved. This work has been assigned to KRDCL as a single entity. MoU has been signed between KRDCL and Railways on 14.12.2021. Tender for the construction of ROB was called on 23.07.2021 and estimate sanction is under process.
<b>28.0</b>	<b>Request to construct a proper entrance arch at Irinjalakuda near the main road</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Will be considered in future subject to availability of funds.
	<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>
<b>29.0</b>	<b>Request to restore all Passenger/MEMU services and allow un-reserved travel in all Mail/Express trains, urgently.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Passenger trains are being restored in a phased manner.
<b>30.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce more MEMU services during morning and evening peak hours.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> All Conventional Passenger trains are being replaced by MEMUs progressively.

<b>31.0</b>	<b>Request for Construction of already sanctioned 3rd line between Ernakulam and Shoranur may be expedited</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> This Project for laying 3rd line between Shoranur and Ernakulam for a length of 107 km was approved and included in the pink book for the year 2018-19 at a cost of Rs.1518 Crores. The Project is for laying 3rd line at minimum distance following the same alignment of existing track with same speed potential. final location survey for this project is in progress. Will be sent to Board for sanction.</p>
<b>32.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce Automatic Signalling System in the most Saturated Ernakulam and Shornur Sector</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Provision of "Automatic Signalling System in the most Saturated Emakulam - Shoranur Sector" is being taken up in phased manner depending upon the traffic requirement.</p> <p>Proposal for the Following work at a cost of Rs.316.89 Crore is sent to Railway Board for consideration in Supplementary Works Programme proposal 2021-2022: "Provision of Automatic Signalling over Ernakulam-Punkunnam section (76 RKM) Phase-I of Ernakulam-Shoranur Automatic Signalling". Balance Works will be processed as per the directions of Operating Department.</p>
<b>33.0</b>	<b>Request to fill up positions lying vacant in Southern Railway on priority to ensure safety and punctuality</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The following efforts are taken by SR to fill up the vacancies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Against Direct Recruitment indents placed with RRB/RRC, 918 Asst Loco Pilots (excl 103 replacement), 1212 Junior Engineers, 2669 Technicians, 166 Paramedical papers were received.</li> <li>• 279 posts were filled through General Departmental Exam (GDCE) from in-service candidates in Guards, P.Way, Track Machine etc by all units.</li> <li>• 9579 indents for erstwhile Group-D posts have been placed with Railway Recruitment Cell</li> <li>• Indents to RRB for NTPC categories including 941 in Station Masters and 360 in Guards for which recruitment is under process</li> <li>• In addition to above recruitment from open market, periodical intake through Compassionate Ground Appointments and Inter Railway Request Transfer is being made to augment the manpower.</li> <li>• With respect to Promotional Quota vacancies, regular action is taken to process the same as per the laid down selection calendar.</li> </ul>

	<b><u>NEW TRAINS</u></b>
<b>34.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce intercity express between Ernakulam and Salem</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Powers for introduction of new trains is vested with Railway Board. However, 35 pairs of Mail/Express trains (Daily: 11 pairs, Weekly: 17 pairs, BiWeekly: 5 pairs, Tri-weekly: 2 pairs) provide connectivity between Ernakulam and Salem.
<b>35.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce Ernakulam - Rameshwaram - Ernakulam Daily, Superfast, Overnight Express via Palakkad, Palani &amp; Madurai with stoppages at Angamali, Chalakudi, Irinjalakuda, Wadakkanchery &amp; Punkunnam.</b>
<b>36.0</b>	<b>Request to implement already sanctioned extension of Train Nos.16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram-Madurai Amrita Express to Rameshwaram without any further delay.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Timings have been finalized and submitted to Railway Board for extension of T.No. 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram – Madurai Amirtha Express to Rameswaram.  This will be implemented on receipt of orders from Railway Board.

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	<b>Shri N.K. Premachandran Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kollam Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request for Railway Training Institute at Kollam.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Requirement of Railway training institute at Kollam will be examined.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request for development of Kollam Station as Model Station with International standard.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> <b>Kollam Jn.</b> is a NSG3 category station. This Station was developed under Model, Modern and Adarsh Station Schemes earlier.  Further, this station has been identified for development under station redevelopment scheme. In Principle approval for the developmental Plans has been accorded by the GM, Southern Railway. The development work will be taken up by construction unit of SR under EPC mode through Railway funds.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request for Pit line facility at Kollam.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Maintenance facilities are planned at terminals in order to cater to the traffic needs of this region, coaching terminals are already available at ERS, ALLP, TVC, KCVL, Nemam (proposed).
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request for new ROBs at Eravipuram, SN College Junction and Kallumthazham.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> <b>Eravipuram ROB:-</b> A proposal for construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.547 at Eravipuram at km.159/800-900 between Kollam and Mayyanad stations was sanctioned vide Pink Book No.298 of 2012-13. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) was approved on 16-04-2013 with a Single span composite girder (21855 SK 20900 SQ). Since so many years has elapsed without execution by State Govt, GAD has been revalidated and a revised GAD has been processed and approved on 21- 10-2021. Further action for the construction of railway portion of ROB will be taken when State Agency (RBDCK- Road and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala) commences work on approaches.  <b>SN College Jn ROB.:-</b> ROB in lieu of LC No.543 in Kollam- Mayyanad section at S.N. College Jn, Kollam was sanctioned vide Pink Book of 2015-16. The draft GAD submitted by RBDCK has been verified in this office and returned to RBDCK with certain remarks on 29-10-2021. RBDCK is yet to submit the corrected GAD.

	<b>Kallumthazham ROB:-</b> ROB in lieu of LC No.77 in Perinad- Kollam section at Kallumthazham was sanctioned vide Pink Book of 2018-19. Draft GAD submitted by RBDCK has been verified and remarks advised on 09-04-2021. RBDCK is yet to submit the corrected GAD.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request for utilization of land at Paravur station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The existing land opposite to Station House required for ballast siding. The land available in the station side will be used for Departmental purpose only. Development of land can be taken up by RLDA only and RLDA has not shown any expression of interest in the land available at Paravur station</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request for development / amenities of Paravur, Mayyanad, Eravipuram, Perinad, Kilikollur stations</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  <b><u>Development of Paravur Railway station</u></b>  Paravur is a NSG5 category station. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided at this station as per norms, except 2 Urinals and 1 water cooler. This station was developed under Adarsh Station Scheme during 2018- 19. Raising of PF at this station has been completed during 2018.</p> <p><b><u>Development of Iravipuram Railway station</u></b>  Iravipuram is an HG2 category Halt Station. All the passenger amenities have been provided at this Station as per minimum norms except the long lead items of FOB &amp; High-Level PF. These works will be taken up as per availability of funds and sanction.</p> <p><b><u>Development of Perinad Railway station</u></b>  Perinad is an NSG6 category station. All the passenger amenities have been provided at this Station as per minimum norms.</p> <p><b><u>Development of Kilikollur</u></b>  Kilikollur is an NSG-6 category station on Tenkasi-Kollam section of Madurai division. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided as per norms, except Foot Over Bridge. Provision of FOB work has been sanctioned and in progress.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request for Stoppage for Malabar Express at Mayyanad Railway station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The average tickets sold at Mayyanad is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of Mail/Express trains. Train No 16629/30 Thiruvananthapuram-Mangaluru Malabar Express stops at Kollam which is 9 kms from Mayyanad.</p>



8.0	Request for development of Mayyanad Railway station.								
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Mayyanad is a NSG6 category station. All the Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided at this station as per the norms.</p> <p>In addition to the above, following developmental works have been carried out / being carried out at Mayyanad Station:</p> <table><tr><th>Sl. No</th><th>Name of Work</th><th>Cost in Lakhs</th><th>Status</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Extension of platform</td><td>110</td><td>Work is in progress.</td></tr></table>	Sl. No	Name of Work	Cost in Lakhs	Status	1	Extension of platform	110	Work is in progress.
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9.0	Request for underpass at Perinad Railway station.								
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The under pass work at Perinad Railway station is completed.</p>								
10.0	Request to reinstate the arrival time of Train No. 16649 Parasuram Express at Changanaserri Station at 15.50 for the convenience of daily passengers from Changanaserri towards Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram.								
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> It is not operationally feasible to revise the arrival time of Train No. 16649 Mangaluru - Nagercoil Parasuram Express at Changanacherry as suggested.</p>								
11.0	Request to restore all train services in Kollam – Trivandram route.								
	<p>Response: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passengers carrying trains w.e.f 23rd March, 2020. However, at present, 92.5% of Southern Railway owned Mail/Express trains have resumed as specials. Some passenger trains have resumed and the remaining trains are being resumed in a phased manner..</p>								
12.0	Request to reinstate the season ticket facility								
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Issue of Monthly Season tickets have resumed since introduction of Passenger Services and MEMU Services.</p>								
13.0	Request to convert special trains into regular trains and restore all the facilities in all station as exist in pre-covid stage.								
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Express trains are now operated as regular trains. The passenger trains are currently operated as specials as per the order of Ministry.</p>								

<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request for stoppage of Train No.16127/16128 Chennai Egmore Gunrvayoor Express at Paravoor</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage of Train No. 16127/16128 Chennai Egmore – Guruvayur Express at Paravur was withdrawn as it was poorly patronized.
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request for stoppage of Train No.16348 Mangalore Trivandram Central Express at Paraur</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage of Train No. 16348 Mangaluru - Thiruvananthapuram Express at Paravur was withdrawn as it was poorly patronized.
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Stoppage of Train No.16347 &amp; 16348 TVM Mangalore at Mayyanad</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage of Train No. 16347/16348 Thiruvananthapuram - Mangaluru Express at Mayyanad was withdrawn as it was poorly patronized.
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Request to allow general coach in Malabar Express TtrainNo.16629/ 16630 and Maveli Express Train No.16603/16604</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Unreserved coaches have been permitted by Train No. 16629/16630 Thiruvananthapuram - Mangaluru Malabar Express & Train No. 16603/04 Mangaluru - Thiruvananthapuram Maveli Express.
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request for NOC for construction of buildings near railway land.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> NOC cases are being dealt as per norms prescribed by Railway Board and will be considered based on Technical feasibility and site conditions.
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Request for permission for tarring of roads near railway lane.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This comes under Way leave permission. Such proposals to be submitted on line to DRM. The proposal so far submitted have been cleared.
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request to reinstate Train No. 56307 Kollam-Thiruvananthapuram Passenger Train and change in timings of Train No. 06639 Punalur – Nagercoil Spl.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> It is to be informed that passenger trains are being reintroduced as specials in a phased manner and Train No 56307 Kollam – Thiruvananthapuram Passenger will also be reintroduced as a special train in due course.  The scheduled arrival of T. No. 06639 Punalur - Nagercoil special (now operated

	up to Thiruvananthapuram) at Thiruvananthapuram is 09.30 hrs. In the month of December 2021, the train has reached Thiruvananthapuram Right time on 30 days and on one day, the train was late due to equipment failure. However, all efforts will be taken to ensure the punctuality of this train.
<b>21.0</b>	<b>Request Train No.16861/16862 Pondicherry-Kanniyakumari Weekly Express from Kanniyakumari to Kollam and change the time schedule more conveniently.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16861/16862 Puducherry – Kanniyakumari (Weekly) Express runs in an integrated link with Train no. 22605/22606 Purulia – Villupuram (Weekly) Express and the lie over time available is not adequate for increasing its frequency to daily. Due to path constraints, it is not feasible to change the timings of the train or to extend the train to Kollam.
<b>22.0</b>	<b>Request to initiate action for maintenance and repair of Kazhuthuruty Anachady underpass road</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This bridge is a waterway bridge, Br.no.2033 with 3 spans steel girders of length 11.33m each, situated between Kazhuthuruthy and Tenmalai railway stations at KM 691/ 500-600. For a long time, locals have been using the last span at the SCT end as an unauthorized underpass. The railways have not laid this road, nor has the panchayat been given permission to do so. However, for the safety of the bridge, rail-type height gauges have been installed on both sides. In view of the above, the road cannot be repaired because it is the waterway bridge.

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	<b>Ms. Ramya Haridas, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Alathur Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>VALLATHOL NAEAR RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>a. Request for implementation of 1.5 Crore project report on station development work.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> No sanction available for the work.
	<b>b. Request for construction of Modern building with traditional touch in Vollathol Nagar Railway Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Presently there is no proposal and no sanction available. This will be examined for its necessity.
	<b>c. Request for provisioning of basic amenities to the passengers.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Vallathol nagar is an NSG6 category station. This station is provided with all the Minimum Essential amenities for Passengers as per Norms except FOB due to space constraints on Island Platform.
	<b>d. Request for extension of platform to accommodate 24 Passenger coaches.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> At present the length of the Platform can accommodate only 15 coaches and same will be proposed for a work for extension.
	<b>e. Request to declare Vallathole Nagar Railway Station as a Satellite station of Shoranur Junction.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Shoranur Junction is catering the passenger load presently. The footfall and traffic does not qualify for creation of satellite station.
	<b>f. Request for provision of stoppage of following trains at Vallathol Nagar</b>  <b>Train No.12511/12512 – Gorakhpur-Trivandram – Gorakhpur Group weekly trains</b> <b>Train No.22645/22646 Indore-Trivandrum-Indore.</b> <b>Train No.22646/22648 – Korba-Trivandrum-Korba.</b> <b>Train No.13351/13352 Dhanbad-Alleppy-Dhanbad.</b>

	<p><b>g. Request to provide with stoppage of all the following trains at Vallathol Nagar Station.</b></p> <p>i. 16381/16382 Mumbai-Kanniyakumari, Mumbai.  ii.16525/16526 Kanniyakumari-Bangalore Kanniyakumari.  iii.22639/22640 Chennai-Alleppey-Chennai.  iv.12625/12626 Trivandrum-New Delhi-Trivandrum.  v. 12677/12678 Bangalore-Ernakulam-Bangalore Intercity Exp.  vi.16332/16331 Trivandrum-Mumbai-Trivandrum Express (Weekly).  vii.22620/22619 Tirunelveli-Bilaspur-Tirunelveli Express (Weekly).  viii. 16344/16343 Trivandrum-Madurai-Trivandrum.</p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The average tickets sold at this station is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains. The average tickets sold at this station is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains. However, the above mentioned trains are provided stoppages as follows.</p> <p>I.The following trains that are provided with stoppages at the Wadakancheri and Ottapalam stations which are located 12 kms and 16 kms away from Vallathol Nagar.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 12511/12 Gorakhpur – Thiruvananthapuram Express</li> <li>2. 22645/22646 Indore – Thiruvananthapuram Express</li> <li>3. 22647/22648 Korba- Thiruvananthapuram Express</li> <li>4. 13351/13352 Dhanbad – Alappuzha Express</li> <li>5. 16381/16382 Mumbai – Kanniyakumari</li> <li>6. 16525/16526 Kanniyakumari – Bangalore</li> <li>7. 22639/22340 Chennai – Alleppey</li> </ol> <p>II. The following trains that are provided stoppages at Ottapalam station which is located 16 kms away from Vallathol Nagar.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 12625/12626 Trivandrum – New Delhi Express</li> <li>2. 16332/16331 Trivandrum – Mumbai Express</li> <li>3. 16343/16344 Trivandrum – Madurai Express</li> </ol> <p>III. Also,the following trains that are provided with stoppage at the Trichur station which are located 28 kms away from Vallathol Nagar.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 12677/12678 Bangalore – Ernakulam intercity Express</li> <li>2. 22620/22619 Tirunelveli – Bilaspur Express</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Stoppage of train No.12521/12522 Barauni-Ernakulam Barauni) at Vallathol Nagar Station.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The average tickets sold at this station is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of additional trains.</p>

<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>WADAKKANCHERRY RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>a. Request to construct a foot over bridge with connecting the two platforms in Wadakkancherry Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Wadakkancherry is an NSG5 category station. One FOB is already available. At present, Raising of Platform No. 2 is in progress. Existing arrangement of FOB is considered adequate for the level of traffic dealt at present.</p>
	<b>b. Request to construct an underground road nearby the Railway Gate (Gate No.10 odd).</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> This is a closed LC at km 16/1-2. in Wadakkancherry yard. This LC was closed about 12 to 15 years before duly constructing a parallel road to Wadakkancherry town through Railway land. This location is not feasible for a subway due to site conditions. There is no embankment in this area and western side is a cutting. Subway, if provided will have heavy flooding due to no natural water course in the downstream side for water to escape.</p>
	<b>c. Request to install separate counter for the reservation &amp; General ticket to avoid the crowd.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Reservation facility is available at Wadakkancherry through IUTS. Number of forms dealt was around 46 per day which does not qualify for providing separate Reservation counter. At present average number of forms dealt is 60.</p>
	<b>d. Request to construct a truss work over the platform No.1.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> This station is provided with 455 Sq.m of PF shelter on PF No. 1 and 408 sq.m. of PF shelter on PF No.2 against the requirement of 50 sq.m on each platform as per norms, which is adequate for present level of traffic.</p>
	<b>e. Request to replace the train 16381-16382 stopped due the Covid-19.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The train will be considered for restoration after improvement in present covid pandemic situation.</p>
	<p><b>f. Sanction stoppage for the following trains at Wadakkancherry Railway Station.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 16188 Ernakulam – Karaikal Express</b></li> <li><b>2. 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram – Madurai Amrita Express</b></li> <li><b>3. 16791/16792 Tirunelveli – Palakkad Palaruvi Express</b></li> <li><b>4. 16305/16306 Ernakulam – Kannur Intercity Express</b></li> </ol>

	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The average tickets sold at Wadankancheri is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of trains and hence it is not feasible to provide additional stoppage as suggested. However, stoppage of T.No. 16791/92 Tirunelveli - Palakkad - Tirunelveli Palaruvi Express at Wadankancheri has been referred to Railway Board.</p> <p>Presently I. The following trains are provided with stoppage at the Thirur station which is located at 16 kms away from Wadankancheri.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Train No 16188 Ernakulam – Karaikkal Express</li> <li>2. Train No 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram – Madurai Express</li> </ol> <p>II. The following trains are provided stoppages at Thirur and Shoranur stations which are located 16 kms away and 17 kms from Wadankancheri.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 16305/16306 Ernakulam – Kannur intercity Express</li> </ol>
	<b>e. Request replace the railway canteen.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Catering stall at WKI was abandoned by the Contractor due to low patronage on account of Covid pandemic. New tender is under process.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>MULLURKARA RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>a. Request to construct a ROB at Mullurkkara Gate.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The request for ROB is in lieu of LC No.6 at Km 8/100-200 between Vallattol Nagar and Wadankancheri Stations in Shoranur -Kochi Harbour Terminus section of Thiruvananthapuram Division. The ROB work was sanctioned in Railway Works programme during 2005-06. This work could not be taken up by the State Government due to problems in land acquisition and objections from the public in deciding the alignment. Hence the work was deleted from Pink Book 2014-15. The State Government of Kerala vide letter No -PWD-D2/161/2021-PWD Dated 10.11.2021 has again requested to sponsor the proposal of ROB on cost sharing basis for inclusion in Railway's Works Programme. This work is being processed again for inclusion in Railway's works Programme 2022-2023 for sanction.</p>
	<b>b. Request of Truss work over the platform in Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Mullurkarai is a HG2 halt category station. This station is provided with 83 sq.m. of PF shelter on PF No.1 and 30sq.m. of PF shelter on PF No.2 against the norms of shady trees. The present arrangement is found adequate.</p>

	<b>c. Request to reconstruct the existing building of Railway Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> No sanction as of now. A work will proposed for repair and renovation of the station.
	<b>d. Request for sanction of stoppage for the following trains at Mullurkara Railway Station.</b>  i. Chennai-Alappuzha Express. ii. Trivandrum-Shoranur Venad Express. iii. Nilambur-Trivandrum Express. iv. Palakkad-Ernakulam MEMU. v. Mangalore-Trivandrum Express. vii. Kozhikode-Trivandrum Janasathabdi Exress
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The average tickets sold at Mullurkara Halt is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of trains and hence it is not feasible to provide additional stoppage as suggested.  Stoppage for Train No. 06797/06798 Palakkad – Ernakulam MEMU (Regular No. 66611/66612) at Mullurkara Halt has been restored w.e.f 29.12.2021.
	<b>e. Request to make availability of reservation and general tickets for the newly stoppage sanctioned trains.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Mullurkara is a halt station and there is no provision for issuing reservation ticket from Halt station.
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>MULANKUNNATHUKAVU RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>a. Request to erect sign board to Railway Station from M.G. Kavu Centre to Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Local govt authorities will be requested to provide the boards.
	<b>b. Request for extension of roofing above the 1<sup>st</sup> platform at least 30 metres and also construct new roofing in 2<sup>nd</sup> platform.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Mulagunnathukavu is an NSG6 category station. This station is provided with 320 sq.m. of shelter on PF No.1 and nil on PF 2/3 against the norms of 50 Sq.m on each Platform. The shortfall in PF No.2/3 will be made good early.



	<b>c. Request to dismantle 3 damaged quarters which are not in usable condition and to widen parking area.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Sufficient parking area of 700 sq.m. is available. Auction of damaged quarters for disposal is in progress
	<b>d. Request to construct a fly over / over bridge for the help of the people to passing from M.G. Kavu Centre and move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> platform</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> FOB could not be provided due to Platform width constraints which requires land acquisition also.
	<b>e. Request to provide sufficient number of chairs for the use of passengers</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> 244 No. of seats are available against the requirement of 20 Nos. as per norms.

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**GM's Meeting with Hon'ble MPs of the region served by  
Thiruvananthapuram Division on 12.01.2022**

	<b>Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kottayam Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>RENOVATION OF KOTTAYAM RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>a. Request to take action on Tarring works pending for Construction of 2<sup>nd</sup> Entrance from Nagampadam Goods Shed and Parking facilities.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The tarring works are pending due to non-completion of works in goods shed area. It will be taken up after completion of goods shed area work in March 22.
	<b>b. Request to activate pending works for construction of Pilgrim Centre (3 storied building for Sabarimala devotees)</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Even though it was planned to open by November 5, few staffs working at the site were infected in pandemic and hence got delayed. Works are being done at full swing to complete the building by FEB 2022.
	<b>c. Request to complete relocation works of Escalator from Platform No.1 to the Main Entrance</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Relocation work of Escalator from PF No.1 to main entrance work completed in Electrical side. Associated engineering work is under progress. Commissioning of escalator work will be expedited and probable date of completion 28.02.22.
	<b>d. Request to complete work of 2 Nos. of sanctioned lift</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Two Nos. of Lift sanctioned for Kottayam (KTYM) railway station each one at PF 1 & PF 2. Engineering work for providing lifts is in progress. Work will be expedited and probable date of completion 15.05.22.  Earlier Contract terminated. Work awarded to new contractor and will be completed by March 2022.
	<b>e. Request to properly use sanctioned fund by Tourism Department for the renovation of Kottayam Railway station to improve Passengers amenities like Urinals, Air Conditioned Waiting Rooms, Upper Class, Sleeper etc.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> No fund sanctioned by MOT for Kottayam. As part of soft upgrades to station, new waiting halls, toilets etc are planned in Sabari Pilgrim area after shifting of the pilgrim centre to new building.

	<b>f. No Progress of providing A/C facility for passenger's waiting room</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Provision of A/C facility for passenger's waiting room through PPP mode will be proposed.
	<b>g. Request to ensure Circulation Area Tarring and sufficient parking place.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Development of circulating area and tarring will be done by March 2022.
<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>ETTUMANOOR RAILWAY STATION</u></b>
	<b>a. Request for provision of stoppage of Palaruvi Express at Ettumanoor</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Stoppage of Train No.16791/16792 Tirunelveli – Palakkad Palaruvi Express has been recommended to Railway Board.
	<b>b. Request to give permission for stoppage of the following trains on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Ettumanoor Railway Station due to the feast of Sr. Mary's Church, Athirampuzha</b>  <b>1. 16629/30 MAQ – TVC Malabar Express</b> <b>2. 16347/16348 TVC- MAQ Express</b> <b>3. 16791/16792 Palaruvi Express</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> In connection with the above subjects, stoppage for the following trains have been notified:  On 24th and 25th January at Ettumanur. 1. Train No. 16630 Thiruvananthapuram – Mangaluru Malabar Express. 2. Train No. 16347 Thiruvananthapuram - Mangaluru Express. 3. Train No. 16791/16792 Tirunelveli – Palakkad Palaruvi Express.
	<b>c. Pending issue of permissive sanction for "Take a Break" Project of Ettumanoor Railway Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Advised Panchayat to submit revised proposal.
	<b>e. Request Development of Railway Station- Kathathy Road requested by Athirampuzha Grama Panchayat and Railway Vikasana Samithi.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This can be considered under Way Leave Facility.

	<p><b>e. Proposal to construct following two ROB.</b></p> <p><b>(i) LC Gate No.27 (Kanakary) in between Ettumanoor and Kuruppanthara</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The request is for ROB in lieu of LC No 27 @km 47/8 -9 in between Kuruppanthara –Ettumanur stations in Ernakulam- Kottayam – Kayankulam section of Thiruvananthapuram Division The traffic density at this level crossing is only 27,800 train vehicle units as on Jan'2018. Since the traffic density at this level crossing is much less than 1 lakh train vehicle units, this level crossing does not qualify for its replacement by Road Over/Under bridge on cost sharing basis.</p> <p>However this proposal can be considered under Deposit Terms (subject to technical feasibility), provided the State Government/Local Authority agrees to bear the full cost of construction and annual recurring maintenance charges thereto. No such proposal has been received from the State Government, and on receipt of the same, further action in this regard will be taken.</p>
	<p><b>(ii) A Road Over bridge at Athirampuzha-Parolikkal (LC Gate No.29) to reduce the traffic block at Ettumanoor Town in consultation with State Government as a joint venture and thereby Railway can close two gates also</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The request is for Road Over Bridge in lieu of LC No 29 @km 50/12-13 in between Ettumanur and Kottayam Stations in Ernakulam- Kottayam – Kayankulam section of Thiruvananthapuram Division. The traffic density at this level crossing is 100719 train vehicle units as on Feb '2020 Hence, this level crossing qualifies for replacement by a ROB/RUB on cost sharing basis(50:50). The State Government of Kerala will be requested to sponsor the proposal of ROB/RUB on cost sharing basis for inclusion in Railway's Works Programme On receipt of firm commitment from the State Government, this work will be processed for inclusion in Railway Works Programme.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b><u>DOUBLING WORKS FROM ETTUMANOOR TO CHINGAVANAM AND ROBs</u></b></p>
	<p><b>(a) Slow progress of doubling works from Ettumanur to Chingavanam and ROBs:-.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>All works connected with doubling of track between Ettumanur and Chingavanam are progressing. The section is targeted for commissioning by 31.03.2022.</p>

	<p><b>a. Request for present position of the following works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Kurikkad ROB</li> <li>ii. Majoor ROB</li> <li>iii. Poovanthuruthu ROB</li> <li>iv. Muttambalam ROB</li> <li>v. Nambiyakulam Underpass</li> <li>vi. Mulathurthy ROB</li> <li>vii. Kaduthuruthy ROB</li> <li>viii. Kuruppanthara ROB</li> <li>ix. Caritas ROB</li> <li>x. Kuruppanthara ROB</li> <li>xi. Acquisition of Land belonging to Kottayam Municipal Bus Stand near Foot Over Bridge to Bus Stand</li> <li>xii. Acquisition of Land adjacent to KK Road in Tunnel No.1 area</li> <li>xiii. Acquisition of Land for proposed Limited Use Subway in lieu of Level Crossing No.35 (Muttambalam)</li> <li>xiv. Acquisition of Land for proposed Road Over Bridge and Land for Doubling No.260 (Pakkil ROB)</li> <li>xv. Acquisition of Land at Kaduthuruthy ROB</li> <li>xvi. Acquisition of Land at Kothanalloor ROB (New Proposal)</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>1. Kurikkad ROB</u></b> Sanction exists for construction of an ROB in lieu of LC No 11 at Kurikkad at Km.13/500-600 between Tripunitura and Mulanturuti stations. GAD submitted by Road and Bridges Corporation of Kerala (RBDCK) is under process of approval by Railways.</p> <p><b><u>2. Manjoor ROB</u></b> For reconstruction of Manjoor ROB in Kuruppanthara station, ROB proper is already completed and approach works are under progress. This ROB will be commissioned in February 2022.</p> <p><b><u>3. Poovanthuruthu ROB</u></b> For reconstruction of ROB at Poovanthuruthu as part of Kuruppanthara-Chingavanam Doubling, work is in progress. This ROB will be commissioned in March 2022.</p> <p><b><u>4. Muttambalam ROB</u></b> This Road Under Bridge (RUB) work is in lieu of LC NO 35 at Muttambalam and the RUB proper has been completed and approach road work is in progress. This work will be commissioned by April 2022.</p> <p><b><u>5. Nambiyakulam Underpass</u></b> Nambiarulam is between KRPP and ETM. the place is not suitable for subway and the present road traffic does not qualify for ROB.</p>

	<p><b><u>6. Mulanthuruthi ROB</u></b> LC No.12 - Railway Portion work completed in March 2018. Since Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala (RBDCK) could not complete land acquisition the construction of approach work has got delayed.</p> <p><b><u>7. Kaduthuruthi ROB</u></b> ROB in lieu of LC No 21 at Km.38/3-4 is sanctioned vide item no PB Item No.429u Umbrella works of 2018-19). General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) has been submitted by RBDCK and the same is being processed for approval.</p> <p><b><u>8. Kuruppantara ROB</u></b> ROB is sanctioned in lieu of LC No 22 at Km.41/100-200 at Kuruppantara between Vaikom Road and Kuruppantara stations. GAD for this work was approved in 2015. Since so many years has elapsed without execution by State Govt., GAD has been revalidated and Revised draft GAD submitted by RBDCK has been verified and remarks has been advised to RBDCK on 03-01-2022. Further action will be taken for approval of GAD will be taken on submission by RBDCK.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>OTHER ISSUES</b>
	<b>a. Request for date of completion and inauguration of ROB manjoor to be finalised</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The ROB is already completed and the approach work is in progress. This ROB is targeted to be commissioned in March 22.</p>
	<b>b. Request to approved Graffiti / Art work on walls of Nagampadam ROB.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> This will be examined.</p>
	<b>c. Request for stoppage of Train No.16649/50 and 16301/02 – Parusuram Express and Venad Express</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> In connection with the above subjects, stoppage for the following trains have been notified.</p> <p><b><u>On 13th &amp; 14th January at Kanjiramittam</u></b> 1. Train No. 16649/50 Mangaluru – Nagercoil Parasuram Express. 2. Train No. 16301/02 Shoranur – Thiruvananthapuram Venad Express.</p>

<b>5.0</b>	<b>POSSIBILITY OF REMODELLING THE THRIPPUNITHURA (TRTR) YARD TO SAVE CONSIDERABLE TIME LOSS.</b>
	<b>a. The present situation of slowing down the long distance train can be avoided by exploring the possibility of converting the platform lines (Road 1 and 4) as main lines (as done in Chengannur yard) or explore the possibility of providing points and crossings 1 in 20 or suitable curvature to increase the speed in loop lines.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This will be examined.
	<b>b. Flooring work of PF 1 &amp; 2 either with concrete or through paving tiles in view of heavy vegetation and venomous snakes due to marshy land near to the platform with more shelters.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> At present there is no sanction. A work may be processed under ensuing Works Programme as per availability of funds.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request for provision of stoppages of following trains on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Kanjaramattom Railway station</b>  <b>i. 16649/50-Parasuram Express</b> <b>ii. 6301/02-Venad Express</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> In connection with the above subjects, stoppage for the following trains have been notified:  <b>On 13th &amp; 14th January at Kanjiramittam.</b> 1. Train No. 16649/50 Mangaluru – Nagercoil Parasuram Express. 2. Train No. 16301/02 Shoranur – Thiruvananthapuram Venad Express.  <b>on 24th and 25th January at Ettumanur.</b> 1. Train No. 16630 Thiruvananthapuram – Mangaluru Malabar Express. 2. Train No. 16347 Thiruvananthapuram - Mangaluru Express. 3. Train No. 16791/16792 Tirunelveli – Palakkad Palaruvi Express.

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	<b>Shri V. Vijayakumar (Alias) Vijay Vasanth, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kanniyakumari Constituency</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>NAGERCOIL JUNCTION RAILWAY STATION</b>
	<b>a. Request to provide an Escalator on both sides with an extra foot over Bridge, A/C waiting Halls.</b>
	<b>b. Request to increase Platforms 1, 2, 3 length for halting 24 LHB Coaches.</b>
	<b>c. Request for extra platforms.</b>
	<b>d. Request for LED Coach indicator.</b>
	<b>e. Request for extra stabling lines.</b>
	<b>f. Request for A/C waiting halls.</b>
	<b>g. Request for ATM centre.</b>
	<b>h. Request for Child Care rooms.</b>
	<b>i. Request to commence the new building construction work.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At present Two Escalators and Two Lifts are available in NCJ station.</li> <li>➤ The Possibility for provision of Escalator is being explored after constructing new FOB.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Manual Coach Postion:</u></b> Manual Coach Position boards are available. Electronic coach indication boards are provided through advertisement contracts and fresh tender will be floated for Nagercoil.</p> <p><b><u>ATM</u></b> There was no response to Notice inviting application for ATM at Nagercoil and fresh application will be invited duly considering revising of the license fee.</p> <p><b><u>AC Waiting Hall</u></b> Efforts are being taken to provide A/C waiting hall through PPP.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>NAGERCOIL TOWN RAILWAY STATION</b>
	<b>a. Request to increase roof shelter height and length.</b>
	<b>b. Request for hygienic canteen facilities.</b>
	<b>c. Request for LED Coach indicator.</b>
	<b>d. Request for Child Care rooms.</b>
	<b>e. Request to add RPF Police and Tamil Nadu Police Stations.</b>
	<b>f. Waiting hall with air condition.</b>
	<b>g. Request for basic facilities like Extra Lighting.</b>
	<b>h. Audio facilities for clear announcements.</b>



	<b>i. Reduction of rent for ATM Centre.</b>												
	<b>j. Railway Station Road Development and Bus Stop and Bus, Car, Auto &amp; Two Wheelers parking and Passengers Convenient Auto Pass.</b>												
	<b><u>Response</u></b> Lighting facility is significantly improved at Nagercoil Town station (HGI) in connection with doubling work.  <b>Illumination Lux level:</b> <table><tr><th>Location</th><th>Required Lux</th><th>Available Lux</th></tr><tr><td>Circulating Area</td><td>20</td><td>28(Avg)</td></tr><tr><td>Open/Covered PF</td><td>20</td><td>35(Avg)</td></tr><tr><td>Station building/Counter</td><td>100</td><td>102(Avg)</td></tr></table> Nagercoil town was functioning as a Train Halt till recently. Now the station is upgraded as Flag station and works for converting the station as block station is in progress. All amenities will be provided in a phased manner with the completion of development works improvement to traffic.	Location	Required Lux	Available Lux	Circulating Area	20	28(Avg)	Open/Covered PF	20	35(Avg)	Station building/Counter	100	102(Avg)
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Open/Covered PF	20	35(Avg)											
Station building/Counter	100	102(Avg)											
<b>3.0</b>	<b>KANNIYAKUMARI RAILWAY STATION</b>												
	<b>a. Request to construct three pit lines and four stabling lines exclusive in Kanniyakumari station.</b>												
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> As part of doubling, proposals to expand the facilities at Kanniyakumari railway station have been made which includes provision of additional platform and Stabling Line to be executed in stages. There are proposals to augment the maintenance facilities at Nagercoil Junction as part of doubling. Hence, there is no operational requirement for provision of pit lines at present at Kanniyakumari.												
	<b>b. Provision of ATM.</b>												
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> There was no response to the previous tender inviting application for ATM at CAPE. Applications will be invited afresh.												
	<b>c. Hygienic Canteen.</b>												
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> One Jan Ahar (IRCTC Unit) and one catering stall are available. One catering stalls and One Milk stall in addition to the above were identified and tendered. There was no response. Retendering is under process												
	<b>d. The basic amenities like A/C waiting halls with all facilities can be added.</b>												
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Possibility of providing A/C waiting hall will be explored.												

	<b>e. Prepaid auto and taxi services.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Efforts will be taken to provide Pre-Paid auto counter with the help of District police authorities.
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Operation of Train No. 22657/22658 Tambaram – Nagercoil (TW) Express for 6 days a week from Egmore and to leave NCJ at 16.45 hrs and from Egmore at 18.30 hrs.</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Kindly request to operate the train on 6 days a week from Egmore to NG (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, &amp; Sat) and the return from NG at 16.45 hrs, From Egmore 18.30 hrs.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> It is not possible to increase the frequency of Train No. 22657/22658 Tambaram – Nagercoil (Tri-Weekly) Express since Train No. 22657 Tambaram - Nagercoil Tri-weekly Express (Sun, Wed, Mon) shares a common path with Train No.12667 Chennai Egmore - Nagercoil (Weekly) Express (Thu) and Train No. 16351 Mumbai CST- Nagercoil (Bi-Weekly) Express (Tue, Sat) between Chengalpattu - Nagercoil.  Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore, it is not feasible to extend and operate the train from Chennai Egmore.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request for Weekend service from NCJ to VLNK.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Hon'ble MP's suggestion regarding running a special train between Nagercoil and Velankanni is noted. Special trains will be operated to cater to the demands of pilgrims during the festival season.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of 12760/12759 Hyderabad – Tambaram – Hyderabad Express up to Kanniyakumari.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> It is not possible to extend Train No. 12760/12759 Hyderabad-Tambaram Hyderabad Express to Kanniyakumari, since the lie-over time is only 9 hrs. 10 minutes and the travel time between Tambaram - Kanniyakumari (one way) is 12½ hours. In addition, 3 hours are required for mandatory other end attention at Kanniyakumari.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Request to operate New Over Night Regular Train and day train in MS – CAPE Route.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore, it is not feasible to operate the train from Chennai Egmore.

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	<b>Shri John Brittas, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Stand on Southern Railway towards implementation of Semi High Speed Rail in Kerala.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Matter pertains to Ministry of Railways and Union Government. Southern Railway has no remarks to offer.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request for implementation of Angamali-Sabarimala Railway Project.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> This 111.20 Km new line project from Angamali to Erumeli is proposed through Ernakulam, Idukki and Kottayam Districts. Final Location Survey could be completed only in Ernakulam and Idukki District between Angamali and Ramapuram and Final Location Survey (FLS) in Kottayam District could not be completed due to public protest against project in Kottayam District. This project was kept in Abeyance by Railway Board vide D.O. letter No.2019/W1/Genl/Budget/1 dated 26.09.2019. Government of Kerala has communicated their willingness to share 50% cost of the project subject to certain conditions vide GO No Trans 1/2021 dated 07.01.2021. Meanwhile, Kerala Rail Development Corporation Ltd(KRDCL), a Joint Venture of Kerala State Government and Ministry of Railways has requested Railway Board to allot this work to them for execution on behalf of Railways and Railway Board has permitted KRDCL to conduct Final Location Survey(FLS) between Ramapuram and Erumeli and submit a Detailed Estimate(DE). KRDCL is yet to complete the FLS and DE. Decision on this project can be taken only after KRDCL completes FLS and submit Detailed Project Report (DPR).
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Rail connectivity to the Vizhinjam International Seaport – construction of railway corridor</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Rail Connectivity to Vizhinjam International Seaport is being executed by M/s. Konkan Rail Corporation Ltd (KRCL) . Yard Plan for Balaramapuram Station and Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted by KRCL for rail connectivity from Balaramapuram Halt Station to Vizhinjam International Seaport duly providing a new crossing station at Balaramapuram halt station have been approved by Southern Railway. This work is to be executed by the Siding Owner with KRCL supervision.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of Nemom Satellite Terminal.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Detailed Project Report (DPR) for construction of New Coaching Terminal at Nemom at a cost of Rs 116.57 Crores was submitted to Railway Board for sanction on 02.11.2021. Railway Board has not yet communicated sanction to

	<p>this DPR. Physical work on the New Coaching Terminal at Nemom can be started only after DPR is sanctioned and required funds are allotted and hence work could not be started so far.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Request for development of Kochuveli Terminal</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Detailed Estimate for the augmentation of coaching facilities at Kochuveli for providing additional platform line and one stabling line was sanctioned. The project can be commissioned by 31.03.2023 subject to availability of funds.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>Request for railway track doubling works under Thiruvananthapuram Division.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> <b><u>(a)Ettumanur-Kottayam-Chingavanam Doubling:</u></b> Doubling works in Ettumanur-Chingavanam section (16.84 Km) as part of Kuruppantara- Chingavanam Doubling Project is in progress and is targeted for commissioning by March, 2022. With the commissioning of this section there will be continuous double line in Thiruvananthapuram- Kayamkulam- Ernakulam- Shoranur- Mangalururu- Panambur section.</p> <p><b><u>(b)Ernakulam- Kumbalam Doubling:</u></b> Rs 262 Crores funds under capital has been allotted by Railway Board and the same has been deposited with Government of Kerala for acquiring 6.5 Ha of land in Ernakulam District. Detailed estimate for Rs.600.82 Crores has been submitted to Railway Board during June 2021 for sanction. Sanction to this detailed estimate is yet to be communicated by Railway Board. This work can be commissioned in 24 months of handing over of land by Government of Kerala.</p> <p><b><u>(c)Kumbalam-Turavur Doubling:</u></b> Rs.248.2 Crores funds under capital has been allotted by Railway Board and the same has been deposited with Government of Kerala for acquiring 16.16 Ha of land in Ernakulam and Alappuzha Districts. Detailed estimate for Rs.812.85 Crores has been submitted to Railway Board during June 2021 for sanction. Sanction to this detailed estimate is yet to be communicated by Railway Board. This work can be commissioned in 24 months of handing over of land by Government of Kerala.</p> <p><b><u>(d)Turavur- Ambalappuzha Doubling :</u></b> Detailed Project report with a Detailed estimate for Rs.1281.63 Crores has been submitted to Railway Board during June 2021 for approval. Approval to this detailed project report is yet to be communicated by Railway Board. 34.79 Ha of land in Alappuzha District needs to be acquired by Government of Kerala. Work on this doubling project can be commenced only after the DPR is approved by Railway Board and acquisition of land is completed by Government of Kerala. This work can be commissioned in 24 months of handing over of land by Government of Kerala.</p>

	<p><b><u>(e)Thiruvananthapuram-Kanniyakumari Doubling :</u></b>  This project is partly in Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram- Parassala (30Km) and partly in Tamil Nādu (56.56 Km). Land acquisition is in progress in both Kerala and Tamil Nādu States. For land acquisition Rs.532.02 Crores has been deposited to Government of Kerala and Rs.74.57Cr to Government of Tamil Nādu. Work in this section can be commenced only after required land is acquired and handed over. Work can be commissioned in 24 months of handing over of land.</p> <p><b><u>(f)Shoranur-Ernakulam 3<sup>rd</sup> line:</u></b>  This Project for laying 3rd line between Shoranur and Ernakulam for a length of 107 km was sanctioned in 2018-19 at a cost of Rs.1518 Crores. The Project is for laying 3rd line at minimum distance following the same alignment of existing track with same speed potential. Now it has been decided to lay the third line and final location survey is in progress.. survey report will be sent to Railway Board for further processing.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request to take action to decongest the Thiruvananthapuram Central Railway Station</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  To reduce congestion at TVC, KCVL is developed to share part of load of TVC central.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of Sick Lines in Thiruvananthapuram Central Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  The Sick lines available in Thiruvananthapuram is adequate for the current level of traffic.</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request for complete resumption of the monthly season ticket facility for all trains at par with the pre-Covid 19 situation.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Issue of monthly season tickets have resumed since the introduction of Passenger trains and MEMU Services. These facilities have also been extended to all trains having unreserved coaches in their compo especially commuter and short distance trains. Further introduction of unreserved compartments in trains would be done in phased manner with the approval of Railway Board enabling the season ticket holders to make use of this facility.</p>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Request for resumption of the railway travel concession to the senior citizens</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Policy matter. As per RB orders, in view of health advisory issued regarding Covid -19 and to discourage passengers from undertaking non-essential travel, no concessional UTS and PRS tickets shall be issued for all categories of passengers except students, 4 categories Divyangjan and 11 categories of patients.</p>

<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request for implementation of Automatic Signalling System in lieu of Absolute Block Signalling System.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Provision of "Automatic Signalling System in lieu of Absolute Block Signalling System" is being taken up in phased manner depending upon the traffic requirement.</p> <p>Proposal for the Following work at a cost of Rs.316.89 Crore is sent to Railway Board for consideration in Supplementary Works Programme proposal 2021-2022: "Provision of Automatic Signalling over Ernakulam-Punkunnam section (76 RKM) Phase-I of Ernakulam-Shoranur Automatic Signalling".</p>
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Request for inception of a new Thiruvananthapuram-Bangalore Train on Sundays.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The feasibility of operating Train No. 16319 Kochuveli – Banaswadi Humsafar Express on Sundays from Kochuveli instead of Saturdays as at present will be examined in consultation with South Western Railway.</p>
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request for allocation of more Electric Locomotives to the Loco Shed at Ernakulam (ERS).</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> It is hereby submitted that the conversion of diesel Loco shed into Electric loco shed is yet to take place. The primary requirement of electrification of the shed is completed. Works for the infrastructure are in proposal stage.</p> <p>The shed is the smallest diesel shed in Southern Railway with design capacity of 40 locos. The space surrounding the diesel shed is also developed, thereby limiting the scope for shed expansion. It lacks all basic facility required for an electric loco shed like wheel lathe for tyre turning of electric loco. Faced with the above limitations it can only serve as a satellite shed for Electric/Diesel loco shed / Erode.</p>
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Status of resumption of the stoppages of trains in Stations under Thiruvananthapuram Division which were cancelled during 2020 owing to Covid-19 pandemic.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> During rationalization of Time Table, poorly patronized stoppages have been withdrawn. In addition, due to non-availability of facilities to issue tickets, the stoppages at halt stations have been temporarily withdrawn, these will be restored in due course.</p>

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	<b>Shri A. Vijayakumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Request for terminal at Nagercoil junction.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> As part of doubling, proposals to expand the facilities at Nagercoil Junction have been made. Proposals include provision of additional Platforms, Stabling and Pit lines to be executed in Stages subject to land acquisition.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Request to construct a new approach road cum subway with connectivity with four-line road.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Doubling work is in progress in TVC- NCJ section. Nagercoil town station is already planned as a three line station. Connecting of NJT station to Bye pass road (4 lane) can be planned for which private land to be acquired by State Government will be requested to construct the Road.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Request to construct the tracks broadly between Nagercoil to Thiruvananthapuram Section.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Construction of second track as part of doubling will be done as per standard issued by Ministry of Railways duly ensuring the safety of the cutting in this section. New Crossing station at Nagercoil Town is proposed with 3 tracks. At Eraniel 5 tracks including provision for ballast loading will be provided. At Kulitturai, 4 tracks will be provided.</p> <p>The requirement of additional land to prevent landslides has already been worked out. The additional land requisition is under process. Once doubling is completed with widened cutting, this problem will be eliminated.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Request to handover the under construction doubling project and section of Nagercoil Town-Nemam section to Konkan Railway along with Balaramapuram to Vizhinjam port new line project.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Doubling work between Thiruvananthapuram and Kanniyakumari will be executed through the construction wing of Southern Railway and adequate number of officers and staff have been posted. Land acquisition is in progress in Tamil Nadu and Kerala and work can be commenced only after completion of land acquisition.</p> <p>While doing doubling work, proper arrangements to ensure safety of cuttings will be ensured.</p>

	<p>Nagercoil Town will be 3 line stations, Eraniel will be a 5 line stations, Kulitturai will be 4 line station, Parassala will be 2 line station, Neyyatinkara will be 4 line station and Nemam will be 4 line station after commissioning of doubling of the section.</p> <p>Stations will be retained at the existing locations. Shifting of stations to new locations is not feasible due to steep gradients on track at locations other than existing stations.</p> <p>Further, redefining the Jurisdiction of Existing Divisions is a policy matter to be decided by Railway Board.</p> <p>It is further brought out that creation/defining Divisions/Divisional boundaries on Indian Railways are not based on the State/District boundaries or regional consideration.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>DEMANDS:</u></b>
	<b>i. Request to modify a maximum regular paths to increase the speed of the train.</b>
	<b>ii. Request to clear and taken care for proper rail transport system.</b>
	<b>iii. Request to remove all the technical defects that persists.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Suggestions of Hon'ble MP are noted.</p>
	<b>iv. Request to convert all the major stations (NJT, ERI, KZT, PASA, NYY) as four line crossings stations.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> As part of doubling of TVC-CAPE Section, the Station Layouts are being planned based on operational requirements. Once the doubling project is completed Trains will flow seamlessly.</p>
	<b>v. Request to change all the stations in remote areas to nearest urban areas and new approach to be maintained.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Changing the alignment and location of existing stations are not feasible.</p>
	<b>vi. Need of additional platform and stabling line for operation of non-maintenance special train operations at Nagercoil Town Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train operation from NJT is not recommended as creation of facilities required for this purpose is not required at present as all such facilities are available at NCJ, within 4km from NJT.</p>



	<b>vii. Request to construct new goods shed and separate railway line for goods wagon in Nagercoil Town Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> As part of doubling, the goods shed facilities presently available at Nagercoil Junction is being retained to facilitate the industry and trade fraternity. There is no proposal to shift the Goods shed from NCJ to Nagercoil Town as of now.</p>
	<b>viii. Request to establish Swamithoppu, Thengankuzhy, Ozhuginasery and Parvathipuram in Thiruvananthapuram-Kanniyakumari railway line as one minute halt stations</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> <b>Swamithoppu:</b> Swamithoppu is a village between Nagercoil and Kanniyakumari. Another train halt at Suchindram near swamithoppu was closed down due to low patronage. Based on the demand a feasibility study will be conducted.</p> <p><b><u>Thengankuzhi:</u></b> This location is in Kalkulam Taluk of Kanniyakumari District. Rail line does not pass through this place. Based on the demand a feasibility study, involving nearest railway line, will be conducted.</p> <p><b><u>Ozhuginasery:</u></b> This place is between NCJ and NJT. The distance between NCJ and NJT Railway stations is around 4 km and opening of a halt station within this short distance is not feasible.</p> <p><b><u>Parvathipuram:</u></b> The proposed location is between Nagercoil Town and Virani Aloor. The distance between NJT and the proposed location is within 3km and it infringes the minimum distance criteria of 5 km to consider opening of Train Halt.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Request to take initiative and necessary action to start an enquiry cum railway information centre in Kanyakumari Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> While recognizing the importance of the station it is to state that the present traffic at the station does not warrant a dedicated information centre. The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP will be considered with improved traffic.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Request for improvement of all passenger amenities in Railway Stations of Kanniyakumari and Tirunelveli Districts under Trivandrum Division.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> All basic passenger amenities pertain to Electrical General side have been provided in Railway Stations of Kanniyakumari and Tirunelveli districts under Trivandrum division.</p> <p><b><u>Escalator &amp; Lift</u></b> As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator at station is 25,000 per day. Hence Stations of Kanniyakumari and Tirunelveli districts under Trivandrum division is not eligible for provision of Escalators.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At present Two Escalators and Two Lifts are available in NCJ station.</li> </ul> <p>Feasibility will be studied in coordination with Commercial and Engineering department for provision of Lifts for the stations of Kanniyakumari and Tirunelveli districts under Trivandrum division and proposal will be made accordingly.</p> <p>Amenities as per norms are already provided at all stations of Kanniyakumari and Tirunelveli Districts under Trivandrum Division. Further redevelopment of Kanniyakumari has already been undertaken and work will be completed as per target. As of now, there is no shortage of amenities at stations as per norms covering Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli Districts.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Request to provide Travellator Facility in Nagercoil Junction.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Two Nos. of escalators available at Nagercoil Jn in PF 1 &amp; 2/3.</li> <li>➤ Two Nos. of Lifts available at Nagercoil Jn in PF 1 &amp; 2/3.</li> </ul> <p>The possibility of provision of Travellator in Nagercoil Jn is not feasible at this moment. Feasibility will be studied in coordination with Commercial and Engineering department for provision of additional Lifts.</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Request to provide lift and Travellator facility in Kulitturai Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Category of Station: NSG 5  Avg. footfall per day: 7963 (2019-20 – Pre covid)  Avg. footfall per day: 394 (2020-21 – covid period)</p> <p>The possibility of provision of Travellator in Kulithurai station is not feasible at this moment. However provision of lift shall be done based on techno economic feasibility.</p>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>New Railway lines and doubling Railway projects sanctioned in 2014-15 to 2021-22. Works are yet to start/initiate. Current position reviewed and progress be updated</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Following are the doubling projects sanctioned between the years 2014 and 2022:-</u></b></p> <p>Doubling projects which has been sanctioned from 2014-15 to 2021-2022 are being undertaken and progress in being monitored and necessary action will be taken to complete.</p> <p><b><u>(a)Trivandrum-Kanniyakumari Doubling:-</u></b> The project was sanctioned in the year 2015-16. The work can be commenced and progressed only after getting the required land duly acquired by Govt of Kerala and Tamil Nadu and work can be commissioned in 24 months of handing over of land.</p>

	<p><b><u>(b)Turavur-Ambalapuzha Doubling:-</u></b> This project was sanctioned in the year 2015-16. Final approval for this project is not yet communicated by Railway Board. This project was frozen by Railway Board on 26.09.2019. Based on the request for taking up the doubling on this section located on Heavy Utilised Network (HUN), Railway Board has de-frozen this project on 01.05.2020 and has decided to execute this project as fully funded Railway Project. Updated Detailed Project report with a Detailed estimate for Rs.1281.63 Crores has been submitted to Railway Board during June 2021 for approval. Approval to this detailed project report is yet to be communicated by Railway Board. 34.79 Ha of land in Alappuzha District needs to be acquired by Government of Kerala. This work can be commissioned in 24 months of handing over of land by Government of Kerala.</p> <p><b><u>(c)Netravati-Mangalore Central Doubling:-</u></b> Doubling in this section was sanctioned in the year 2016-17. All the works have been completed and the doubling commissioned on 10.02.2021.</p>
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Request to modernise Kanniyakumari Railway Station as world class and Terminal Development.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> As part of doubling, proposals to expand the facilities at Kanniyakumari Station have been made. Proposals include provision of additional Platforms and Stabling line to be executed in Stages.</p> <p>Also, this station has been identified for redevelopment under station redevelopment scheme and the In-Principle Approval has been accorded by GM/SR for the conceptual planning. This work will be taken up by Southern Railway Construction(ERS Unit) under EPC mode through Railway funds.</p>
<b>12.0</b>	<p><b>(i) Request to update following information in Southern Railway Website.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>About us-&gt;Overview-&gt;milestones (1951 to till date)</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction Organisation-&gt; Brief Activities</b></li> <li>➤ <b>About us-&gt;Passenger Amenity Works</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction Organisation-&gt; Sanctioned Survey Projects</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction Organisation-&gt; Completed Projects</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction Organisation-&gt; Survey Reports (Railway Board)</b></li> <li>➤ <b>SURVEY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction organisation-&gt; Financial summary of projects</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction Organisation-&gt; Status of sanctioned Survey Projects</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction organisation-&gt; Completed ROB,RUB&amp; subway works</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction organisation-&gt; Map showing survey project</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction Organisation-&gt; Targets for 2021-22 &amp; 2022-23</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction projects-&gt; Surveys,</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction projects-&gt; New Lines</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction projects-&gt; Doubling</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction projects-&gt; Electrification</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction projects-&gt; ROB/RUB</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Construction projects-&gt; Level crossing</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Functions of Railway Minister</b></li> </ul>

	<b>(ii) Sample available in North Western Railway zone web site</b> ➤ Eco-Smart station
	<b>(ii) Sample available in Northern Railways Zone web site</b> ➤ Explore Rail Heritage on-line
	<b>(iii) Sample available in South East Central Railway Zone web site</b> ➤ Virtual Tour of Rail Museum
	<b>(iv) Sample available in West Central Railway Zone web site</b> ➤ National Anthem ➤ Know Your Minister ➤ Apprentice ➤ Heritage portal ➤ ORH Booking ➤ Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojna
	<b>(v) Sample available in Western Railway Zone web site</b> > SR Publications > Milestones > SRFilm > Authorised Yatri Ticket suvidha Kendra > Chennai suburban
	<b><u>Response</u></b> i) The suggestion of Hon'ble MP is noted and will be examined . ii) The details of "Explore Rail Heritage on-line "are already available in SR web site under title: "Explore Rail Heritage on-line"
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Request to speed up construction of two more platforms in Nagercoil Town station (4 and 5)</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> As part of doubling, the work for provision of additional Platform is in progress.  As per doubling plan, NJT will be developed with three lines. Tentative date of completion of the work is 30 June 2023.
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of two separate dedicated tracks for Nagercoil Town to Nagercoil) junction.</b>
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Request to provide Digital Coach Position Indicator at all platforms in Nagercoil Town Station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Sanction is available laying the second main line in Nagercoil Town to Nagercoil Junction station. Date of completion of the work is 30 June 2023.  Till recently Nagercoil town was a halt station and it has been upgraded as a Clerk In-charge (CNC) station. Further development works are in progress. All necessary amenities will be provided in a phased manner.

	Tender for <b>Digital Coach Position Indicator</b> is floated as revenue model, there was no response . Fresh tender will be floated for the same.
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Request to implement the prepaid auto transport at Nagercoil Junction as soon as possible also regulates the auto rickshaw parking and hiring</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Steps are being taken to provide Pre-paid Auto counter at Nagercoil Jn. in association with State Police authorities. Regarding crowding of auto drivers in front of the station, RPF personnel will be alerted to render necessary assistance.
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Request short termination of Bilaspur -Tirunelveli 22619/22620 weekly train at Kochuveli itself.</b>
	<b>(i) Request for short termination of Nagercoil - Shalimar 12659/12660 weekly express train at Kochuveli itself.</b>
	<b>(ii) Request to extend the Howrah-Tiruchchirappalli 12663/12664 Bi-Weekly train to Kanniyakumari</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Short termination of the above trains at Kochuveli is not feasible as it will deprive the users of the existing connectivity.  Train No. 12663/12664 Howrah–Tiruchchirappalli Bi-weekly Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli. Lie-over time available for the train on Tuesdays is 9 hours 55 minutes which is insufficient for its extension to Kanniyakumari as suggested.
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Request for construction of two separate dedicated tracks for Nagercoil Town to Aralvaymozhi</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b>  Once the doubling is completed upto NCJ, Trains will flow seamlessly, direction wise, and the need for overtaking will also be minimized. <b>DOC: June 2023</b>
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Request to separate good siding line in Nagercoil Town (NJT) station.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> As part of doubling, the goods shed facilities presently available at Nagercoil Junction is being retained to facilitate the industry and trade fraternity. There is no proposal to shift the Goods shed from NCJ to Nagercoil Town as of now.

<b>20.0</b>	<b>Request to construct a new station building at Eraniel Railway station (SM office, Ticket Counter with entrance) in platform 2, towards TVC direction at the dead end nearer to signal opposite to power station (KM-272/24).</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The proposed Eraniel yard will have five lines and existing station building is ideally located for the safe operation of train as it is located in the middle. The suggestion to shift the station building to a location near the Road Over Bridge on Thiruvananthapuram side is not feasible as the same is located outside the station yard and far away from platforms.</p>
<b>21.0</b>	<b>Request to construct a new approach road along with the railway track towards TVC direction upto railway tunnel NH 47 (Kanyakumari - Thiruvananthapuram National highway)</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Widening of approach road outside Railway Boundary has to be taken up by local governments. Railways will be able to fund the approach road work within Railway land only.</p>
<b>22.0</b>	<b>Request to speed up construction work of two more platforms (3 and 4) in Kulitturai Railway Station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> As per doubling work, existing 2 tracks will be converted to 4 track stations with main line on platform line and this will facilitate faster train operation in the section.</p>
<b>23.0</b>	<b>Thanking for terminating Kanniyakumari – New Jalpaiguri special train at Thiruvananthapuram.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Noted Please.</p>
<b>24.0</b>	<b>Request to introduce a new daily Vande Bharat train to Chennai - Kanniyakumari Route via. Madurai.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP for introduction of Vande Bharat Express trains is noted.</p>
<b>25.0</b>	<b>Request for Kanniyakumari-Baramullah daily train service</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16031/32 MGR Chennai Central – Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra (TW) Express runs in an integrated link with maintenance at Chennai Central. The lie over time available for the train at Chennai is insufficient for its extension or increase its frequency to daily as suggested.</p>

<b>26.0</b>	<b>Request for Nagercoil-Chennai daily train service.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Central and path constraints enroute, it is not feasible to increase the frequency of Train No. 22657/22658 Tambaram-Nagercoil Tri-Weekly Express and T.No.12689/90 Chennai Central-Nagercoil Weekly Express to Daily.</p>
<b>27.0</b>	<b>Request to change the timings of Nagercoil - Mangalore Ernad 16605/16606 train.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to path constraints in Ernakulam – Alappuzha – Kayankulam single line section, it is not feasible to change the timings of Train No. 16605/16606 Mangaluru – Nagercoil Ernad Express as suggested <b>since</b> it is commuter train.</p>
<b>28.0</b>	<b>Request to operate both trains (Kottayam-Kollam Passenger 56305 and Kochuveli -Nagercoil Passenger 56317) as a single train as Kottayam – Nagercoil.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to path constraints in Kollam – Thiruvananthapuram section, the proposal is not feasible.</p>
	<b>(i) Request divert 16381/82 Kanyakumari -Mumbai CST daily express via Konkan railway.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Diversion of 16381/16382 via Konkan Railway will deprive the existing users of the only daily service providing connectivity via Guntakal - Wadi - Pune. This train also provides daily connectivity between Kanniyakumari district and Tirupati.</p>
	<b>(ii) Extend Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Thiruvananthapuram Netravati Express 16345/16346 to Kanniyakumari.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16345/46 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Thiruvananthapuram Netravati Express is well patronised and extension of this train as suggested will result in reduction in the availability of accommodation for the existing users and hence not feasible.</p>
	<b>(iii) Request for extension of 11021/11022 Dadar-Tirunelveli tri-weekly express to Kochuveli via. Nagercoil Town (After Conversion of LHB Coaches)</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> The lie-over available for Train No. 11021/11022 Dadar – Tirunelveli (TW) Express is 03.20 hrs which is not sufficient for extension to Kochuveli.</p>

	Provision of LHB coaches for T. No. 11021/11022 Dadar – Tirunelveli (TW) Express pertains to Central Railway, as the rake is owned by Central Railway.
	<b>(iv) Request for Extension of Kochuveli-Lokmanya Tilak 22114/22113 Bi-weekly Express to Kanniyakumari and make it daily service</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The lie-over time available for Train No. 22113/22114 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Kochuveli (BW) Express is 4 hrs 10 minutes which is insufficient for its extension to Tirunelveli. On Southern Railway Train No. 22113 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Kochuveli (BW) Express shares a common path with Train No. 12201 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Kochuveli (BW) Express and Train No. 16318 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra – Kanniyakumari (W) Express. In the return direction Train No. 22114 Kochuveli - Lokmanya Tilak (BW) Express shares a common path with Train No 12483 Kochuveli – Amritsar (W) Expre, Train No 12217 Kochuveli – Chandigarh (BW) Express and Train No 22659 Kochuveli – Yog Nagari Rishikesh (W) Express. Hence it is not operationally feasible to increase the frequency of this train as suggested.</p>
	<b>(v) Extending Mumbai CST -Nagercoil 16339/16340 &amp; 16351/16352 express to Kanniyakumari express and make it daily train service</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Due to terminal constraints at Kanniyakumari, it is not operationally feasible to extend the trains at present.</p>
<b>29.0</b>	<b>Request for provision of permanent stoppage of Train No.16605/06 Nagercoil-Mangalore Ernad express and “Tiruchirappalli-Trivandram 22627/28 Intercity at Eraniel.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The average tickets sold at this station is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of Mail/Express trains and hence not feasible.</p> <p>Train No. 22627/22628 Tiruchchirappalli - Tirunelveli Express is run with tight timings and provision of additional stoppage will result in increase in overall running time of the train.</p> <p>Eraniel is 15 kms away from Nagercoil where Train No.16605/16606 Mangaluru-Nagercoil Ernad Express terminates/ originates and 13 kms away from Nagercoil Town where T.No.22627/28 Tiruchchirappalli - Tirunelveli Intercity Express is booked to stop.</p>
<b>30.0</b>	<b>Request for provision of permanent stop for 19577/19578 Tirunelveli - JamNagar, 16335/16336 Nagercoil-Gandhidham Express at Kulitturai station.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The average tickets sold at this station is less than the norms of Railway Board for stoppage of Mail/Express trains and hence not feasible.</p>



<b>31.0</b>	<b>Request for introduction of new overnight train service between Kanniyakumari and Mettupalayam via Palani &amp; Pollachi</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Rake Maintenance facilities are not available at Mettupalayam or at Kanniyakumari and those at Nagercoil are saturated. Hence it is not feasible to introduce a new train as suggested.
<b>32.0</b>	<b>Request for introduction of new Jan Shatabdi or intercity superfast train between Coimbatore - Nagercoil via Pollachi, Madurai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The infrastructural facilities at Coimbatore and Nagercoil are saturated. Hence it is not feasible to introduce additional trains.
<b>33.0</b>	<b>Request to speed up and divert Train No.12690/89 via Dindigul, Karur, Namakkal and Salem to reach Chennai and Nagercoil earlier.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Due to path constraints enroute it is not feasible to change the timings of the train as suggested.
<b>34.0</b>	<b>Request to operate Nagercoil-Mumbai CST 16351/16352 bi-weekly train through Arakkonam bye pass.</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestion will be examined.
<b>35.0</b>	<b>Request to change the time and convert super fast express of 16724/23 Ananthapuri Express</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Conversion of Train No. 16723/16724 Chennai Egmore – Kollam Ananthapuri Express as a Superfast Express will require elimination of some of the enroute stoppages.  Due to platform constraints at Chennai Egmore and path constraints in Tirunelveli – Nagercoil - Thiruvananthapuram single line section the change in timings will affect the timings of commuter trains and hence not feasible.
<b>36.0</b>	<b>Request for extension of Chennai bound long distance trains to Kanniyakumari via Madurai</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Chennai bound long distance trains are well patronised and extension of these trains as suggested will result in reduction in the availability of accommodation for the existing users and hence not feasible.

<b>37.0</b>	<b>Request to extend any one Chennai-New Delhi train to Kanniyakumari.</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 12615/12616 MGR Chennai Central- New Delhi Grand Trunk Express and Train No. 12621/12622 MGR Chennai Central- New Delhi Tamilnadu Express are well patronised and extension of these trains as suggested will result in reduction in the availability of accommodation for the existing users and hence not feasible</p>
<b>38.0</b>	<b>Request to extend any one Chennai and Hyderabad train to Kanniyakumari</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> It is not possible to extend Train No. 12760/12759 Hyderabad-Tambaram Hyderabad Express to Kanniyakumari, since the lie-over time is only 9 hrs 10 minutes and the travel time between Tambaram - Kanniyakumari (one way) is 12½ hours. In addition, 3 hours are required for mandatory other end attention at Kanniyakumari.</p> <p>Train No. 17652/17651 Kacheguda – Chengalpattu – Kacheguda Express and Train No. 12604/12603 Hyderabad – MGR Chennai Central – Hyderabad Express run in integrated links and the lie-over time available for these trains is not sufficient for their extension to Kanniyakumari.</p>
<b>39.0</b>	<b>Request to increase the frequency of 16862/16861 Kanniyakumari-Puducherry daily service</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16861/16862 Puducherry – Kanniyakumari (Weekly) Express runs in an integrated link with Train no. 22605/22606 Purulia – Villupuram (Weekly) Express and the lie over time available is not adequate for increasing its frequency.</p> <p>Due to path constraints in Nagercoil – Tirunelveli – Virudunagar – Madurai section, it is not feasible to change the timings of the train.</p>
<b>40.0</b>	<b>Request to divert Kanniyakumari-Dibrugarh (15905/15906) via Tirunelveli</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Diversion of Train No. 15905/15906 Kanniyakumari –Dibrugarh Vivek Express via KRCL will deprive the existing users in Western Tamilnadu (Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, Salem etc) of connectivity to the Northern East. Hence it is not feasible to divert the train as suggested.</p> <p>Short termination of the above train at Thiruvananthapuram or Kochuveli will adversely affect the existing users at Nagercoil &amp; Kanniyakumari.</p>
<b>41.0</b>	<b>Request to extend Chennai Central-Nizamuddin Rajdhani (12434/12433) Express weekly service to Thiruvananthapuram via Madurai, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil</b>
	<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 12433/12434 Chennai – Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express runs in an integrated link and the lie over time available for the train at Chennai is insufficient for its extension to Kanniyakumari.</p>

42.0	(i) Request to club Tirunelveli – Nagercoil 56718 Passenger and Nagercoil – Kochuveli 56318 passenger clubbing as Tirunelveli – Kochuveli direct passengers. Also Return direction club Thiruvananthapuram – Nagercoil passenger and Kanyakumari – Tirunelveli 56717 passengers operate as Thiruvananthapuram – Tirunelveli direct passenger.
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> All the above mentioned trains are run in different links and hence it is not feasible to amalgamate them as suggested.
	(ii) Thiruvananthapuram – Nagercoil 56311/56316 passenger train (conventional rake) to change as MEMU train and extended up to Tirunelveli as operate Thiruvananthapuram – Tirunelveli MEMU 4 service per day
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Conventional Passenger trains are being progressively replaced by MEMUs. T. No. 56311/56316 Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil Passenger is run in an integrated link with other passenger trains. Hence, extension of this train to Tirunelveli is not feasible.
43.0	<b>Request to extend Punalur-Madurai 16729/16730 Express to Karaikal/Velankanni</b>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> Train No. 16729/16730 Madurai – Punalur – Madurai Express undergoes primary maintenance at Madurai. No maintenance facilities are available at Karaikkal/Velankanni. Hence the extension is not feasible.
44.0	(i) Request to conduct feasibility study to introduce new daily train service following route <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kanniyakumari - Mettupalayam overnight daily train via. Madurai, Pollachi</li> <li>b. Kanniyakumari - Tirupathi overnight daily train via. Madurai, Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore</li> <li>c. Tirunelveli-Yesvantpur daily Janshatabdi express via Madurai and Hosur</li> <li>d. Nagercoil-Coimbatore daily Janshatabadi Express via Madurai and Pollachi</li> <li>e. Nagercoil-Chennai daily overnight Humsafer Express via Madurai and Villupuram</li> </ul>
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> The suggestions of the Hon'ble MP are noted.
	(ii) Request for resurvey and early sanction of Karaikudi-Ramanathapuram-Tuticorin-Kanniyakumari East Coast Railway line
	<b><u>Response:</u></b> There is no sanction by Railway Board for a new East Coast Railway line between Kanniyakumari - Ramanathapuram - Karaikud

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