

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1791
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

**ADDITIONAL TRAIN STOPPAGES, NEW TRAINS AND PASSENGER
AMENITIES IN KERALA**

1791. SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received requests for additional train stoppages, new train services and improved passenger amenities in Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the action taken/being taken on requests for stoppages at Wadakkanchery, Vallathol Nagar and Pudunagaram railway stations along with the reasons for any delay?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) and (b) Proposals/requests/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal *inter alia* for provision of stoppage/introduction of train services are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. The receipt of such proposals/requests/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time, which is an on-going process.

Further, as the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced and stoppages are provided as per network requirements, across such boundaries.

However, during 2025-26 and 2026-27(upto June, 2026), to cater to the needs of various stations located in the State of Keralam, Indian Railways (IR), have provided 88 stoppages and introduced 22 train services. In addition, 16329/16330 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Amrit Bharat Express, introduced w.e.f 11.03.2026, also serves the State. These details are as under:

Stoppages provided in the State of Keralam:

SN	Train No. and Name	Stoppage provided at
1	16128 Guruvayur - Chennai Egmore Express	Chirayinkeezh
2	16312 Thiruvananthapuram North - Shri Ganganagar Express	Quilandi
3	16327 Madurai - Guruvayur Express	Irinjalakkuda
4	16334 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Veraval Express	Parappanangadi
5	16334 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Veraval Express	Vadakara
6	16334 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Veraval Express	Quilandi
7	16334 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Veraval Express	Payyanur
8	16336 Nagercoil - Gandhidham Express	Parappanangadi
9	16336 Nagercoil - Gandhidham Express	Quilandi
10	16336 Nagercoil - Gandhidham Express	Payyanur
11	16336 Nagercoil - Gandhidham Express	Kanhangad
12	16341 Guruvayur - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express	Punkunnam
13	16344 Rameswaram-Thiruvananthapuram Central Amritha Express	Tiruvalla

14	16348 Mangaluru Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express	Changanassery
15	16348 Mangaluru Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express	Tiruvalla
16	16350 Nilambur Road - Thiruvananthapuram North Rajya Rani Express	Karunagapalli
17	16350 Nilambur Road - Thiruvananthapuram North Rajya Rani Express	Tiruvalla
18	16366 Nagercoil - Kottayam Express	Dhanuvachapuram
19	16366 Nagercoil - Kottayam Express	Ochira
20	16609 Thrissur - Kannur Express	Kannur South
21	16730 Punalur - Madurai Express	Balaramapuram
22	16791 Tuticorin-Palakkad Palaruvi Express	Kilikollur
23	19259 Thiruvananthapuram North- Bhavnagar (T) Express	Vadakara
24	19259 Thiruvananthapuram North - Bhavnagar (T) Express	Payyanur
25	12081 Kannur - Thiruvananthapuram Central Jan Shatabdi Express	Aluva
26	12082 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Kannur Jan Shatabdi Express	Aluva
27	12081 Kannur - Thiruvananthapuram Central Jan Shatabdi Express	Changanassery
28	12082 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Kannur Jan Shatabdi Express	Changanassery
29	16127 Chennai Egmore - Guruvayur Express	Ambalappuzha
30	16128 Guruvayur - Chennai Egmore Express	Ambalappuzha
31	16127 Chennai Egmore - Guruvayur Express	Haripad

32	16128 Guruvayur - Chennai Egmore Express	Haripad
33	16187 Karaikkal - Ernakulam Express	Ottapalam
34	16188 Ernakulam - Karaikkal Express	Ottapalam
35	16309 Ernakulam - Kayamkulam Express	Ettumanur
36	16310 Kayamkulam - Ernakulam Express	Ettumanur
37	16319 Thiruvananthapuram North - SMVT Bengaluru Humsafar Express	Kayamkulam
38	16320 SMVT Bengaluru - Thiruvananthapuram North Humsafar Express	Kayamkulam
39	16325 Nilambur Road - Kottayam Express	Tuvvur
40	16326 Kottayam - Nilambur Road Express	Tuvvur
41	16325 Nilambur Road - Kottayam Express	Vallapuzha
42	16326 Kottayam - Nilambur Road Express	Vallapuzha
43	16325 Nilambur Road - Kottayam Express	Melattur
44	16326 Kottayam - Nilambur Road Express	Melattur
45	16325 Nilambur Road - Kottayam Express	Pattikkad
46	16326 Kottayam - Nilambur Road Express	Pattikkad
47	16325 Nilambur Road - Kottayam Express	Kulukkalur
48	16326 Kottayam - Nilambur Road Express	Kulukkalur
49	16327 Madurai - Guruvayur Express	Cheriyana
50	16328 Guruvayur - Madurai Express	Cheriyana
51	16327 Madurai - Guruvayur Express	Perinad
52	16328 Guruvayur - Madurai Express	Perinad
53	16329 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Jn. Amrit Bharat Express	Nileshwar
54	16330 Mangaluru Jn. - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express	Nileshwar

55	16329 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Jn. Amrit Bharat Express	Kanhangad
56	16330 Mangaluru Jn. - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express	Kanhangad
57	16329 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Jn. Amrit Bharat Express	Payyanur
58	16330 Mangaluru Jn. - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express	Payyanur
59	16329 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Jn. Amrit Bharat Express	Vadakara
60	16330 Mangaluru Jn. - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express	Vadakara
61	16329 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Jn. Amrit Bharat Express	Sasthankotta
62	16330 Mangaluru Jn. - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express	Sasthankotta
63	16347 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Mangaluru Central Express	Mayyanad
64	16348 Mangaluru Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express	Mayyanad
65	16355 Thiruvananthapuram North - Mangaluru Jn. Antyodaya Express	Thalassery
66	16356 Mangaluru Jn. - Thiruvananthapuram North Antyodaya Express	Thalassery
67	16605 Mangaluru Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Ernad Express	Sasthankotta
68	16606 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Mangaluru Central Ernad Express	Sasthankotta

69	16649 Mangaluru Central - Kanniyakumari Parasuram Express	Manjeshwar
70	16650 Kanniyakumari - Mangaluru Central Parasuram Express	Manjeshwar
71	16649 Mangaluru Central-Kanniyakumari Parasuram Express	Vaikam road
72	16650 Kanniyakumari - Mangaluru Central Parasuram Express	Vaikam road
73	16791 Tuticorin - Palakkad Palaruvi Express	Irinjalakkuda
74	16792 Palakkad - Tuticorin Palaruvi Express	Irinjalakkuda
75	18567 Visakhapatnam - Kollam Express	Irinjalakkuda
76	18568 Kollam - Visakhapatnam Express	Irinjalakkuda
77	22149 Ernakulam - Pune Express	Vadakara
78	22150 Pune - Ernakulam Express	Vadakara
79	22475 Hisar - Coimbatore Express	Tirur
80	22476 Coimbatore - Hisar Express	Tirur
81	22619 Bilaspur - Tirunelveli Express	Cherthala
82	22620 Tirunelveli - Bilaspur Express	Cherthala
83	22651 MGR Chennai Central - Palakkad Express	Kollengode
84	22652 Palakkad - MGR Chennai Central Express	Kollengode
85	22653 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express	Chengannur
86	22654 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express	Chengannur
87	66325 Nilambur Road - Shoranur MEMU	Tuvvur

88	66326 Shoranur - Nilambur Road MEMU	Tuvvur
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New train services introduced catering stations in the State of Keralam:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	26651 KSR Bengaluru - Ernakulam Vande Bharat Express
2	26652 Ernakulam - KSR Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express
3	16121 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express
4	16122 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Tambaram Amrit Bharat Express
5	17041 Charlapalli - Thiruvananthapuram North Amrit Bharat Express
6	17042 Thiruvananthapuram North - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
7	16313 Thiruvananthapuram North - Mangaluru Jn. Antyodaya Express
8	16314 Mangaluru Jn. - Thiruvananthapuram North Antyodaya Express
9	18501 Visakhapatnam - Kollam Express
10	18502 Kollam - Visakhapatnam Express
11	16363 Ernakulam - Velankanni Express
12	16364 Velankanni - Ernakulam Express
13	16611 Palakkad - Kannur Express
14	56115 Thrissur - Guruvayur Passenger
15	56116 Guruvayur - Thrissur Passenger
16	66325 Nilambur Road - Shoranur MEMU
17	66326 Shoranur - Nilambur Road MEMU

18	66623 Palakkad - Pollachi MEMU
19	66624 Pollachi - Palakkad MEMU
20	66327 Ernakulam - Kollam MEMU
21	66328 Kollam - Ernakulam MEMU
22	56632 Kannur - Kozhikode Passenger

Moreover, as on 24.07.2026, 162 Vande Bharat train services (Chair Car) are being operated on the Indian Railways network, of which 06 Vande Bharat services are catering to the needs of stations located in the State of Kerala. These are listed below:-

SN	Train No. & Name
1	20631 Mangaluru Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express
2	20632 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Mangaluru Central Vande Bharat Express
3	20633 Kasaragod - Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express
4	20634 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Kasaragod Vande Bharat Express
5	26651 KSR Bengaluru - Ernakulam Jn. Vande Bharat Express
6	26652 Ernakulam Jn. - KSR Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express

Further, as on 24.07.2026, 72 Amrit Bharat Express services are being operated on the Indian Railways network, of which the following 06 Amrit

Bharat services are catering to the needs of stations located in the State of Kerala. These are listed below:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	16121 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express
2	16122 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Tambaram Amrit Bharat Express
3	16329 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Jn. Amrit Bharat Express
4	16330 Mangaluru Jn. - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
5	17041 Charlapalli - Thiruvananthapuram North Amrit Bharat Express
6	17042 Thiruvananthapuram North - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express

Stoppage of trains at Wadakancheri, Vallathol Nagar and Pudunagaram stations:

Presently, Wadakancheri, Vallathol Nagar and Pudunagaram stations are catered by 35 train services, 9 train services and 4 train services respectively. These are as listed below:

Train serving Wadakancheri:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	12511 Gorakhpur - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
2	12512 Thiruvananthapuram North - Gorakhpur Express
3	12521 Barauni - Ernakulam Express
4	12522 Ernakulam - Barauni Express
5	13351 Dhanbad - Alappuzha Express
6	13352 Alappuzha - Dhanbad Express

7	16187 Karaikal - Ernakulam Express
8	16301 Shoranur - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
9	16302 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Shoranur Express
10	16307 Alappuzha - Kannur Express
11	16308 Kannur - Alappuzha Express
12	16325 Nilambur Road - Kottayam Express
13	16326 Kottayam - Nilambur Road Express
14	16348 Mangalore Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
15	16382 Kanniyakumari - Pune Express
16	16525 Kanniyakumari - KSR Bengaluru Express
17	16526 KSR Bengaluru - Kanniyakumari Express
18	16609 Thrisur - Kannur Express
19	16649 Mangalore Central - Kanniyakumari Express
20	16650 Kanniyakumari - Mangalore Central Express
21	20629 Secunderabad - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
22	20630 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Secunderabad Express
23	22639 MGR Chennai Central - Alappuzha Express
24	22640 Alappuzha - MGR Chennai Central Express
25	22645 Indore - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
26	22646 Thiruvananthapuram North - Indore Express

27	22647 Korba - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
28	22648 Thiruvananthapuram North - Korba Express
29	56605 Shoranur - Thrisur Passenger
30	56623 Thrisur - Shoranur Passenger
31	56624 Shoranur - Thrisur Passenger
32	66319 Shoranur - Ernakulam MEMU
33	66320 Ernakulam - Shoranur MEMU
34	66609 Palakkad - Ernakulam MEMU
35	66610 Ernakulam - Palakkad MEMU

Train serving Vallathol Nagar:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	16325 Nilambur Road - Kottayam Express
2	16326 Kottayam - Nilambur Road Express
3	56605 Shoranur - Thrisur Passenger
4	56623 Thrisur - Shoranur Passenger
5	56624 Shoranur - Thrisur Passenger
6	66319 Shoranur - Ernakulam MEMU
7	66320 Ernakulam - Shoranur MEMU
8	66609 Palakkad - Ernakulam MEMU
9	66610 Ernakulam - Palakkad MEMU

Train serving Pudunagaram:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	16731 Palakkad - Tiruchendur Express
2	16732 Tiruchendur - Palakkad Express
3	66623 Palakkad - Pollachi MEMU
4	66624 Pollachi - Palakkad MEMU

Besides, introduction of new train services, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include:

- **Capacity of that section**
- **Availability of path**
- **Availability of required rolling stock**
- **Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock**
- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets.**
- **Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section.**

Similarly, on Indian Railways, provision of stoppage of train services is an on-going process and depends on the traffic justification, operational feasibility, competing demands etc.

Passenger amenities:

Proposal / Request/ Suggestions / Representations, both formal and informal for Railway projects / works across the country are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Members of Parliament, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations / rail users etc., at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. Receipt of such suggestions /

representations is a continuous and dynamic process and these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.

The Ministry of Railways has launched the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations of Indian Railways. The master planning, keeping in view the necessity of each station, includes:

- **Improvement of access to station and circulating areas**
- **Integration of station with both sides of city**
- **Improvement of station building**
- **Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths**
- **Provision of wider foot over bridge/subway to commensurate with passenger traffic**
- **Provision of lifts/escalators/ramps**
- **Improvement of platform surface/ provision of platform shelter**
- **Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’**
- **Parking development**
- **Amenities for Divyangjans**
- **Better passenger information systems**
- **Provision of air concourse, executive lounges, Multimodal integration, landscaping, etc.**

The scheme also envisages sustainable and environment friendly solutions etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1340 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 35 stations are located in Keralam. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Keralam are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Names of Stations
Keralam	35	Alappuzha, Angadippuram, Angamali For Kaladi, Chalakudi, Changanassery, Chengannur, Chirayinkeezh, Ernakulam, Ernakulam Town, Ettumanur, Ferok, Guruvayur, Kannur, Kasargod, Kayankulam Jn, Kollam Jn, Kozhikode, Kuttippuram, Mavelikara, Neyyattinkara, Nilambur Road, Ottappalam, Parappanangadi, Payyanur, Punalur, Shoranur Jn., Thalassery, Thiruvananthapuram Central, Thrisur, Tirur, Tiruvalla, Tripunithura, Vadakara, Varkala Shivagiri, Wadakancheri

Completed Stations:

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Keralam has been taken up at a good pace. Details of stations completed in Keralam is as under:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Keralam	16	Angamali for Kaladi, Chalakudi, Changanassery, Chirayinkeezh, Ferok, Guruvayur, Kuttippuram, Mavelikara, Nilambur Road, Parappanangadi, Shoranur Junction, Thalassery, Tirur, Tripunithura, Vadakara, Wadakancheri

The activities for development at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations is as given below:

- Kasargod station: The works of improvement of station building, new entrance porch, improvements of booking office, concourse, improvement of platform surface of platform no. 2 & 3, improvements of circulating area, improvement of waiting hall, toilets, platform shelter, lifts, installation of Coach Indication Board and improvement of amenities for Divyangjan have been completed. The works of extension of platform no. 1, 6 m wide foot over bridge, escalator and parking at second entry have been taken up.**
- Angadippuram station: The works of improvement of station building, new entrance porch, concourse, booking office, platform shelter, improvement of platform surface of platform no. 1 & 2, waiting hall, toilet, improvement of circulating area, parking, approach road, lifts, installation of Coach Indication Board, Train Indication Board and signages have been completed. The work of 6 m wide foot over bridge has been taken up.**
- Payyanur station: The works of raising of platform no. 2 & 3, platform shelter, improvement of concourse, booking office, waiting hall, improvement of circulating area at second entry, parking, installation of Coach Indication Board and Train Indication Board have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, improvement of circulating area at main entry, lifts, amenities for Divyangjan and 6 m wide foot over bridge have been taken up.**
- Kollam Junction station: The works of service building, multi level car parking and parcel building have been completed. The works of 12 m wide foot over bridge, air concourse, North terminal building, South terminal building and platform upgradation have been taken up.**

- **Kozhikode station: The structural works of multi level car parking- first and second, East terminal building, West terminal building, staff quarters, railway health unit and railway office building have been taken up.**

Development / upgradation / modernisation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not station-wise or state-wise. Keralam is covered under the jurisdiction of one railway zone, namely Southern Railway. For this zone, an allocation of ₹ 665 crore has been made for the financial year 2026-27, out of which an expenditure (up to June, 2026) of ₹ 398 crore has been incurred so far.

In addition, the following Telecom passenger amenities are provided at stations in the State of Keralam:

- **Public Address system at 128 stations**
- **Electronic Train Indicator Boards at 40 stations**
- **Coach indication boards at 25 stations**

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways including provision of passenger amenities is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station is carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.
