

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 682
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

NEW MEMU TRAINS IN NORTH MALABAR REGION

682. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request to introduce MEMU trains in North Malabar region, particularly between Calicut and Mangalore and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plans in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline for introducing MEMU services in North Malabar region; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Requests, including from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received *inter alia* regarding introduction of MEMU services between Kozikhode and Mangaluru. Owing to operational constraints, including inadequate infrastructural facilities at Palakkad MEMU car shed, and resource constraints, introduction of MEMU train service between Kozhikode and Mangaluru is not feasible, at present. However, introduction of trains, including MEMU trains, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.
