

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 56
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

STOPPAGE OF TRAINS

***56. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has identified a number of railway stations in and around the railway junctions/stations of the major cities for stoppage of all the trains there, including the Madurai Railway Station, to decongest such major railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways plans to provide stoppage of all the trains at Koodalnagar, Thiruparankundram and Thirumangalam railway stations of Madurai; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 56 BY SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.02.2019 REGARDING STOPPAGE OF TRAINS

(a) & (b) It is operationally desirable for Indian Railways to decongest major Railway stations. As such, various measures including bypassing trains through bypass lines/chord lines and providing stoppage of trains at stations serving the satellite towns in the vicinity of such major stations, are undertaken by Indian Railways which is an ongoing process.

(c) & (d) No, Madam. Stoppages at short distances lead to cascading effect on all the trains running in that section. Therefore stoppages, especially closer ones, are provided only if feasible from operational & commercial points of view. At present, there is no proposal for provision of stoppages of additional trains at Kudal Nagar, Tiruparankundram and Tirumangalam stations for the want of operational feasibility and commercial justification.
