

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DOUBLING OF ERNAKULAM-KAYANKULAM RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of doubling of railway line from Ernakulam-Kayankulam line via Kottayam and Alappuzha;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to modernize the Kottayam railway station in Kerala; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): On Ernakulam-Kayankulam line via Kottayam and Alleppey routes, patch doubling of Ernakulam-Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara, Kayankulam-Mavelikara-Chengannur and Kayankulam-Cheppad- Haripad sections respectively have been taken up where works are in various stages of progress.

(b)&(c): following passenger amenity works are in progress at Kottayam railway station for its upgradation:

- (i) Improvement of flooring of platform surface,
- (ii) Improvement of circulating area of Computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) Office,
- (iii) Improvement of Face to Face and telephone enquiry systems.

In addition, provision of coach consist information system has also been sanctioned for Kottayam station and the work will start shortly.