

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2239  
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DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the funds provided for development of various railway projects in Kerala are inadequate;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Railways to provide sufficient funds in this regard;
- (c) whether Railways propose to set up a new Railway Zone exclusively for Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram with its Head Quarters to overcome the difficulties in getting due share for the timely development of railway and infrastructure facilities in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): A total allocation of Rs. 148.73 crore has been provided for projects falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala for the current financial year. The funds are being allocated depending upon the overall availability of resources and as per the State-wise formula.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.