

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2042
ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022

RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES IN TAMIL NADU

2042. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Road Over/Under Bridges (ROB/RUB), Foot Over Bridges, escalators and other facilities like the installation of CCTVs and digital rail information displays, parking constructed by Railways in Tamil Nadu and the total amount allocated and disbursed for the same;
- (b) whether Railways have identified the railway infrastructure needs of Tamil Nadu, A, B, C grades-wise, division-wise and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Railways have any plan to offer the private operators to run train services in major routes in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2042 BY DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.12.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES IN TAMIL NADU

(a): The Road Over Bridge (ROB), Road Under Bridge (RUB) are generally constructed under Plan Head-30. Escalators, Foot Over Brides, CCTVs, Digital Rail Information Display, parking etc. are generally constructed under Plan Head-53, "Customer Amenities". The allocation and expenditure details of these Plan Heads are maintained Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise. Tamil Nadu is covered by three Railway Zones viz. Southern Railway, South Western Railway and South Central Railway and the relevant allocation and expenditure details along with number of units constructed during last three years and the current years are as under:

| SN | Work (last three years- and current year upto Nov'2022) | Completed in Tamil Nadu | Total Allocation SR, SCR, SWR (₹ in Cr.) | Total Disbursed SR, SCR, SWR (₹ in Cr.) |
|----|---|-------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | Road Over Bridges (ROBs)/Road Under Bridges (RUBs) | 163 | 3308.38 | 2491.54 |
| 2 | Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) are constructed under PH-53 allocation and disbursed "All customer amenities". | 64 | Total Allocation SR, SWR (₹ in Cr.) | Total Allocation SR, SWR (₹ in Cr.) |
| 3 | Escalators | 93 | 1336.56 | 877.65 |
| 4 | CCTVs (No. of Stations) | 35 | | |
| 5 | Train Information Display Boards (No. of Stations) | 42 | | |
| 6 | Parking | As per norms* | | |

* Parking/circulating area facility is provided as Minimum Essential Amenity at Non-Suburban grade (NSG)/1-5 category of stations and as Desirable Amenity at Suburban Grade (SG)/1-3 and Halt Grade (HG)/1-2 category of stations.

(b): Presently there is no categorization of A, B, C grade railway infrastructure. However, Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State wise/ Division-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railways' own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds. As on 01.04.2022,

24 projects (09 new lines, 04 gauge conversion and 11 doubling) of total length 2944 Km, costing ₹ 30,692 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/execution, out of which 804 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 7,705 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

(c): At present there is no such proposal under consideration for operation of regular passenger train service over Indian Railways by private train operators.
