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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 738**  
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**REDEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN TAMIL NADU**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway stations that are planned for redevelopment over the next five years within the State of Tamil Nadu, and the criteria used to select these stations for the project;
- (b) the total investment allocated for the redevelopment of these stations;
- (c) the key improvements that will be made in terms of infrastructure, passenger amenities, and accessibility at these redeveloped stations; and
- (d) the expected timeline for the completion of the redevelopment of major railway stations and the phases of this project?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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(a) to (d) Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. So far, 1337

stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 77 stations are located in the state of Tamil Nadu. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Tamil Nadu are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Tamil Nadu	77	Ambasamudram, Ambattur, Arakkonam Jn, Ariyalur, Avadi, Bommidi, Chengalpattu Jn, Chennai Beach, Chennai Egmore, Chennai Park, Chidambaram, Chinna Salem, Chrompet, Coimbatore Jn, Coimbatore North, Coonoor, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Erode Jn., Guduvancheri, Guindy, Gummidipundi, Hosur, Jolarpettai Jn, Kanniyakumari Terminus, Karaikkudi Jn, Karur Jn, Katpadi Jn, Kovilpatti, Kulitturai, Kumbakonam, Lalgudi, Madurai Jn, Mambalam, Manaparai, Mannargudi, Mayiladuturai Jn, Mettupalayam, Morappur, Nagercoil Jn, Namakkal, Palani, Paramakkudi, Perambur, Podanur Jn., Pollachi Jn, Polur, Pudukkottai, Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central, Rajapalayam, Ramanathapuram, Rameswaram, Salem, Samalpatti, Sholavandan, Srirangam, Srivilliputtur, St.Thomas Mount, Tambaram, Tenkasi, Thanjavur Jn, Thiruvarur Jn., Tiruchendur, Tirunelveli Jn, Tirupadripuliyur, Tirupattur, Tiruppur, Tirusulam, Tiruttani, Tiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Tuticorin, Udagamandalam, Vellore Cantt., Villupuram Jn., Virudhunagar, Vriddhachalam Jn.

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Tamil Nadu have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, phase-I works of 09 stations (Chidambaram, Kulitturai, Mannargudi, Polur, Samalpatti, Srirangam, St.Thomas Mount, Tiruvannamalai, Vriddhachalam Jn) in the state of Tamil Nadu have been completed under this scheme. The works at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of above stations is as given below:

- At Morappur station the works for improvement of new station building, circulating area, parking area, platform shelter, Divyangjan parking, ramps and low height ticket booth,

help booth have been completed. The works of improvement of platform surfacing, waiting hall, toilet, signages, station illumination, Divyangjan friendly toilets, water booths, Foot Over Bridge and work of lift have been taken up.

- At Bommidi station the works for improvement of station building, 6m wide Foot Over Bridge, circulating area, parking area, platform shelter, platform surfacing, waiting hall, toilet, signages, Divyanjan parking, ramps and low height ticket booth, lighting, tactile guide, Divyangjan friendly toilets, water booths have been completed. The works for improvement of lift, Braille maps and signages have been taken up.

- At Tiruvarur Junction the works for improvement of station building concourse, booking office, waiting lobby, approach road paver block, landscape, platform shelter & surfacing, waiting hall false ceiling, granite flooring, wall tiles, painting, signages, non-slippery surfaces have been completed. The works for improvement of Divyangjan facilities such as lighting, tactile guide, accessible path, standard ramp, coach indication boards, Divyanjan parking, low height ticket booth, help booth, water booths and station illumination have been taken up.

- At Vellore Cantonment station the works for improvement of circulating area, booking office, terminal building elevation, new platform shelter, improvement to platform surfacing, waiting hall, new toilet, new arch, new compound wall, signages, standard ramp, coach indication boards, Divyangjan parking, low height ticket booth, Divyangjan friendly toilets, tactile pathway, accessible path, non-slippery floor surface have been completed. The works for improvement of landscape, procurement of furniture and station illumination have been taken up.

- At Ariyalur station the works for improvement of terminal building with porch, concourse, booking office, waiting lobby, improvement to circulating area & platform surfacing, improvement to waiting hall, new arch, new toilet, standard ramp, coach indication boards, Divyangjan parking, low height ticket booth, Divyangjan friendly toilets, tactile pathway, accessible path, lighting have been completed. The works for improvement of new Foot Over Bridge, new platform shelter and coach indication boards have been taken up.

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. It involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in

phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, platform surfacing and cover over platform, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

Development/ Upgradation/ Modernisation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or station-wise or state-wise. The state of Tamil Nadu is covered under two zones viz. Southern Railway and SouthWestern Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹1,571crores has been made for the financial year 2025-26 under Plan Head-53.

Further development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. The priority for development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

Development/ Upgradation of railway stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brownfield related challenges such as shifting of utilities (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables, etc.), infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of tracks and high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

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