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STOPPAGE OF TRAIN AT ACHARAPAKKAM RAILWAY STATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has received any request for the stoppage of trains at Acharapakkam Railway Station in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any affirmative decision to provide stoppages of more trains at Acharapakkam Railway Station, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to develop Acharapakkam Railway Station under Amrit Bharat Railway Station Development Scheme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Acharapakkam station is presently being served by following 4 train services which provide connectivity *inter alia* to cities like Villupuram and Chennai.

Sl.	Train No. and Name
1.	66045 Tambaram - Villupuram Passenger
2.	66046 Villupuram - Chennai Beach Passenger
3.	66055 Tambaram - Villupuram Passenger
4.	66056 Villupuram - Tambaram Passenger

Besides, provision of stoppages of train services depends on the traffic justification, operational feasibility including availability of extra time on the section & availability of matching infrastructure such as Platform length etc.

Further, Proposals/ requests/ suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal *inter alia* for provision of stoppage of train services are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/ requests/ suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.

Redevelopment of stations

At Acharapakkam station high level platforms, platform shelter, waiting hall, drinking water taps, urinals, lavatories, seating arrangement and Foot Over Bridge amenities are available. The works of improvement of station building, lighting and Divyangjan facilities have been completed in recent years.

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.

Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations. The master planning includes:

- Improvement of access to station and circulating areas
- Integration of station with both sides of city
- Improvement of station building
- Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths
- Provision of wider foot over bridge/air concourse commensurate with passenger traffic
- Provision of lift/escalators/ramp
- Improvement /Provision of platform surface and cover over platforms
- Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’
- Parking areas, Multimodal integration
- Amenities for Divyangjans
- Better passenger information systems
- Provision of executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages 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.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 77 stations are located in Tamil Nadu. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in 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, Gummidiipundi, 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, Tutticorin, Udagamandalam, Vellore Cantt., Villupuram Jn., Virudhunagar, Vriddhachalam Jn.

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Tamil Nadu have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, works of 18 stations (Bommidi, Chidambaram, Chinna Salem, Karaikkudi Jn, Kulitturai, Manaparai, Mannargudi, Morappur, Pollachi Jn, Polur, Samalpatti, Sholavandan, Srirangam, Srivilliputtur, St.Thomas Mount, Thiruvarur Jn, Tiruvannamalai, Vriddhachalam Jn.) in 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 the above stations is as given below:

- **Tirupadripuliyur station:** The works of parking area and signages have been completed. The works of entrance arch, portico, improvement to waiting hall, platform surface, platform shelter, toilet, train indication board, approach road and parking area have been taken up.
- **Vellore Cantt. station:** The works for improvement of circulating area, booking office, new platform shelter, improvement to terminal building, platform surfacing, waiting

hall, toilet, new compound wall, signages, coach indication board, standard ramp, Divyangjan parking, low height ticket booth, Divyangjan friendly toilets, tactile pathway, accessible path, improvement of landscape and station illumination have been completed. The finishing works have been taken up.

- **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 toilet, standard ramp, coach indication boards, Divyangjan parking, low height ticket booth, Divyangjan friendly toilets, tactile pathway, accessible path, lighting, improvement of existing Foot Over Bridge, new platform shelter and coach indication boards have been completed. The work for construction of new 6 m Foot Over Bridge has been taken up.
- **Rameswaram station:** The structural works of East/North terminal building, departure forecourt, arrival forecourt, residential tower, sub-station building, desalination plant and sewage treatment plant have been completed. The masonry works of East terminal building, finishing works of North terminal building, departure forecourt, arrival forecourt, residential tower, platform upgradation including platform shelter and revamping of existing waiting hall have been taken up.

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. Tamil Nadu is covered under the jurisdiction of two railway zones, namely, Southern Railway and South Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 1,571 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-26, out of which an expenditure of ₹ 1,011 crore (up to October, 2025) has been incurred so far.

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.
