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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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IMPLEMENTATION OF ABBS PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of implementation of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABBS) projects in Tamil Nadu, including the number of railway stations identified, works completed and projects under progress, district-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for redevelopment and modernisation of railway stations under the scheme in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the improvements made in passenger amenities, accessibility, safety and facilities for senior citizens and persons with disabilities; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure timely completion of station redevelopment projects and provide world-class railway facilities to passengers in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d) 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 of Indian Railways. The master planning, keeping in view the necessity of each station, 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/subway to commensurate with passenger traffic
- Provision of lifts/escalators/ramps
- Improvement of platform surface/ provision of platform shelter
- Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’
- Parking development

- Amenities for Divyangjans
- Better passenger information systems
- Provision of air concourse, executive lounges, Multimodal integration, landscaping, etc.

The scheme also envisages sustainable and environment friendly solutions etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1340 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 Stations	Names of 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.

Completed Stations of Tamil Nadu :

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Tamil Nadu have been taken up at a good pace. Details of stations completed in Tamil Nadu are as under:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Tamil Nadu	26	Ambasamudram, Bommidi, Chennai Park, Chidambaram, Chinna Salem, Coonoor, Karaikkudi Junction, Kulitturai, Mambalam, Manaparai, Mannargudi, Morappur, Namakkal, Palani, Paramakkudi, Pollachi Junction, Polur, Samalpatti, Sholavandan, Srirangam, Srivilliputtur, St. Thomas Mount, Thiruvavar Junction, Tiruvannamalai, Udagamandalam, Vriddhachalam Junction

The work at balance stations of Tamil Nadu are at different stages of execution/ tendering/ master planning. The progress of some of the stations is as given below:

- **Rameswaram station:** The works of revamping of Multi Functional Complex (MFC) building into retiring rooms, structural works of East and North terminal building, parcel office, residential tower, departure forecourt, arrival forecourt, substation building and sewage treatment plant have been completed. The finishing works of East terminal building and North terminal building, departure forecourt, sewage treatment plant, arrival forecourt, platform shelter and improvement of waiting hall have been taken up.
- **Chennai Egmore station:** The work of parcel building, structural works of Gandhi-Irwin (GI) road side multi-level car parking, Poonamallee High (PH) road side multi-level car parking and sub-station building have been completed. The work of finishing of GI side multi-level car parking, PH side multi-level car parking, substation building, structural work of GI side terminal building, foundation work of PH side terminal building, arrival foot over bridge and air concourse have been taken up.
- **Virudhunagar station:** The works of improvement of circulating area, parking, entry/exit gate, installation of Coach Indication Boards and Train Indication Boards have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, entrance porch and 6 m wide foot over bridge have been taken up.
- **Karur Junction station:** The works of improvement of station building, 12 m wide foot over bridge, improvement of circulating area, parking, main entrance gate, waiting hall, toilets, parcel office building, improvement of platform surface and widening of platform no. 1 have been completed. The works of lifts and escalators have been taken up.

- **Thanjavur Junction station:** The works of entrance porch, improvement of circulating area, concourse, subway, platform shelter, arrival lobby, exit gate, booking office, installation of Coach Indication Board, Train Indication Board and signages have been completed. The works of parking, lift and escalator have been taken up.
- **Villupuram Junction station:** The works of new arrival building, Government Railway Police building, platform shelter, improvement of platform surface, booking office, parking, parcel office and signages have been completed. The works of 6 m wide foot over bridge, improvements of circulating area, concourse, departure building, entrance gate, installation of Coach Indication Board, Train Indication Board and escalator have been taken up.

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways, including amenities for Divyangjan and persons with reduced mobility, 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. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station is carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.

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 station-wise or state-wise. Tamil Nadu is covered under the jurisdiction of three railway zones, namely, Southern Railway, South Western Railway and South Coast Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 1,298 crore has been made for the financial year 2026-27, out of which an expenditure (up to June, 2026) of ₹ 582 crore has been incurred so far.

Indian Railways is committed to make its railway stations accessible for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility as part of “Sugamya Bharat Mission” or ‘Accessible India Campaign’ of Government of India. In compliance of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, “Guidelines on accessibility of Indian Railway stations and facilities at stations for differently abled persons (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility” have been circulated and notified in the Gazette of India, which have been taken up for implementation in a phased manner and on the principles of reasonable accommodation.

These guidelines include provisions of facilities for accessibility and safety of Divyangjans and passengers with reduced mobility, such as ramp at entrance, accessible parking, low height ticket

counters/help booths, toilets, drinking water booths, subways/foot over bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for visual impairment, etc.

Development / Upgradation of railway stations is a complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as tree cutting, heritage, fire clearance, airport clearance etc. These stations are in operation since long, so brownfield work challenges are being faced, such as shifting of utilities (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipelines, power/signal cables, etc.), infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of the tracks and near to high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the progress of work and completion time.
