

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3537
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

MPLADS FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS

3537. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to allow Members of Parliament to use funds provided under the MPLAD Scheme for construction of railway projects in their constituencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from the Members of Parliament seeking financial assistance for railway projects taken under MPLADS;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the present status of such requests; and

(e) the details of financial assistance provided to such projects, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3537 BY SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2018 REGARDING MPLADS FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) to (e): The works under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) are taken up after obtaining consent from Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs), deposit of centage charges (for works involving detailed planning, survey, etc.) by concerned local authorities, preparation & sanction of Estimate by Railway and receiving funds for the works from local authorities. In a bid to encourage inclusion of MPLAD funds for Passenger Amenity items like benches, a policy has been circulated by Railway Ministry to incur equal expenditure as given by Hon'ble MPs and provide two benches at the fund provision of one bench.

Status of provision of additional seating arrangements made at Railway stations under MPLAD Funds are as under:

No. of MPs	No. of Stations	No. of Seats for which Funds received	Total amount Consented (₹ in lakhs)	Total amount received (₹. in lakhs)	Total no. of seats fixed
109	351	23457	1727.1	1226.66	17336

The details of Hon'ble Members of Parliament along with the development works recommended by them under MPLADS and the status of such works are appended as Appendix-I.

Instructions already exist that all the Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) to liaise with concerned MPs and to take pro-active actions for provision of various passenger amenities work to be carried out at the stations pertaining to their constituencies under MPLAD Scheme. Regular inspections are conducted by concerned Railway authorities to monitor the progress of execution of work.

APPENDIX I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3537 BY SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2018 REGARDING MPLADS FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS

(b) to (e) The details of development works recommended by Hon'ble Members of Parliament under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme along with the status are as under:-

S. No.	Name of MP	Work proposed	Present Status
1	Dr. T.N. Seema	Provision of 50 No. of 3 seater chairs at Thiruvananthapuram Central station.	Chairs fixed in May 2015.
		Provision of two touch screen Kiosks at Thiruvananthapuram.	Work completed and inaugurated in 2014.
2	Dr. T.N.Seema and Shri C.P. Narayanan	Construction of Toilet Complex at Thiruvananthapuram Central station.	Amount deposited with Railways – Tender awarded and work taken up.
3	Shri P.C. Chacko	Provision of Mini Type platform shelter at Thrisur station.	Work completed.
4	Shri P. Rajeev	Construction of approach road at Tripunittura station.	Work completed.
		Provision of E Toilet at Tripunittura station.	Work completed – inaugurated in August 2015.
5	Shri Innocent	Construction of Subway at Km.90/8-9 near Aluva.	Contract awarded. Work to be started.
6	Shri C.N. Jayadevan	Construction of platform roof at Pudukud station.	Work completed.
7	Shri K.C. Venugopal	Construction of 5 Nos. of mini platform shelters at Kizhapuliyur station.	Amount deposited with Railway. Work started.

8	Shri Anto Antony	Installation of one escalator unit at Tiruvalla station.	Work sanctioned including for civil work from Railway funds. Work to start after award of contract.
9	Shri A.K. Antony	Provision of 300 Nos. of stainless steel chairs at Thiruvananthapuram Central station.	Estimate submitted to District Planning Officer -Funds awaited.
10	Shri Suresh Gopi	Provision of benches and chairs at Alappuzha station.	Estimate submitted to District Collector – Funds awaited.
		Provision of benches and chairs at Quilon station.	Estimate submitted to District collector – Fund awaited.
11	Shri P. Karunakaran	Extension of FOB at Cheruvathur from Platform No.2/3 to Eastern side. (By Cheruvathur Grama Panchayat)	Centage charge of ₹ 56,000/- deposited by Cheruvathur Grama Panchayat. Estimate finalized and concerned authorities have been requested to deposit balance amount of ₹42,81,933/-
		Extension of FOB at Neeleshwar	Funds awaited from District Collector, Kasargod.
		Extension of FOB at Payyanur	The Chairman, Payyanaur Municipality remitted centage charges of ₹1,73,509/-. Preparation of Estimate taken up.

		Construction of under bridge near Mogral Puthur by Puthur Grama Panchayat	The President, Mogral Puthur Grama Panchayat remitted centage charges of ₹6,17,561/-. Preparation of estimate taken up.
		Construction of under bridge at Mogral (by Kumbala Grama Panchayat)	The Secretary, Kumabal Grama Panchayat has remitted the centage charges of ₹3,39,940/-. Estimate finalized and concerned authorities have been requested to deposit the balance amount of ₹2,16,54,043/-
12	Smt. P.K. Sreemathi Teacher	Provision of benches at Kannur station.	Estimate sanctioned.
13	Shri Ramachandran Mullappally	Provision of Escalator at Vadagara and Thalassery	Escalator at Thalassery Station is completed. Escalator at Vadagara Station is planned for completion by October,2018.
