

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.680  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

**DELAY IN KOLLAM STATION DEVELOPMENT WORKS**

**680. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) the present status of the development works at the Kollam Railway Station along with the steps taken by the Government to complete various works at the above station in a time bound manner;**

**(b) whether it is a fact that delay in execution of the various works is causing much hurdles to the passengers and if so, the action taken in this regard;**

**(c) the details of the action taken by the Government to complete the construction of second entry works at the above station in a time bound manner;**

**(d) whether delay in sanctioning funds is the main reason for delay in carrying out the railway developmental works and if so, the action taken for timely release of the funds; and**

**(e) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that such delays do not adversely affect the completion of various developmental works at the above station?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (e) The Structural works of Second Entry Arch has been completed at Kollam Railway Station & ornamental/finishing is in**

**progress. The work of Second Entry building and development of circulating area is in final stage of completion. The work of Foot Over Bridge connecting Second Entry to Platform No.2/3 to Platform No.1 has been planned for completion in 2019-20. Works for two escalators and two lifts is also sanctioned and shall be completed after completion of Foot Over Bridge works.**

**There has been no delay on account of shortage of funds as adequate funds have been provided for completing all the developmental works at Kollam Station. Besides this, reviewing pending/ongoing projects is a continuous process taken up with the concerned authorities to assess impediments affecting the projects and their mitigation to expedite progress of the projects. To expedite completion of projects, a number of initiatives have been taken to speed up the works like increased allocation of funds, funding through loan from institutions like Life Insurance Corporation, execution of projects through Special Purpose Vehicles, etc.**

**In addition, the progress of works is being monitored at divisional as well as headquarter level for early completion.**

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