

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 179
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022**

REDEVELOPMENT OF CALICUT RAILWAY STATION

179. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has any data regarding the redevelopment of Calicut Railway station;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has observed delay in upgradation of Calicut Railway Station and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has noted that no trains stopped at Vellayil Station during the past two years and if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) Whether the Government has any plans to improve the basic infrastructure at Vellayil Station, and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(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.179 BY SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2022 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT OF CALICUT RAILWAY STATION.

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Indian Railways has undertaken techno-economic feasibility studies for the redevelopment of stations through various agencies. Based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment in phases, especially the stations located in major cities and important tourist destination. Calicut Railway Station is among such stations identified for techno-economic feasibility studies.

(d) At present, the following four trains are having stoppage at Vellayil Halt:-

- (i) 06456 Kannur-Shoranur Special**
- (ii) 06024 Kannur-Shoranur Special**
- (iii) 06023 Shoranur-Kannur Special**
- (iv) 06481 Kozhikode-Kannur Special**

Besides, rationalization of time table including provision/withdrawal of stoppages is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability, etc.

(e) Vellayil is a HG2 category Halt station and already provided with the requisite "Minimum Essential Amenities" as per norms except high level platform for PF No. 1.

Improvement to passenger amenities at stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and availability of funds. However, priority for improvement to passenger amenities at a station is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.