

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2484
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

MODERNISATION OF STATIONS IN CHENNAI DIVISION

**2484. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:
SHRI D.M. KATIHAR ANAND:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of progress made in the modernization of eighteen railway stations in the Chennai Division of Southern Railway and the funds earmarked for each station ;

(b) whether the Government has plans to develop more stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme apart from the eighteen stations already selected under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current status of modernization and redevelopment of Egmore station and Katpadi Railway junction and the approximate time by which it is likely to be completed;

(d) the current status of development works at Guindy, Saidapet, Mambalam railway stations in Chennai;

(e) whether the Government has received any plea for the creation and development of railway level crossing (LC-81) at Vaniyambadi and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the same?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2484 BY SHRI Dr. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN AND SHRI D.M. KATIHAR ANAND TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF STATIONS IN CHENNAI DIVISION

(a) & (b) The Amrit Bharat Station scheme has recently been launched for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. In Chennai Division of Southern Railway 20 stations have so far been identified under this scheme viz: Chennai Egmore, Katpadi, Tambaram, Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central, Avadi, Chennai Beach, Tiruvallur, Arakkonam Jn, Chengalpattu Jn, Guindy, Perambur, Ambattur, Mambalam, Chennai Park, St.Thomas Mount, Guduvancheri, Tiruttani, Jolarpettai Jn, Gummidipoondi, Sullurpeta. Modernisation/Upgradation/Development of stations is a continuous and ongoing process subject to volume of traffic, inter-se priority of works and availability of funds.

(c) The work of redevelopment for Chennai Egmore and Katpadi Railway Station has already been sanctioned and tenders for the same have been awarded. Development/Redevelopment/Upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers and trains and requires various statutory clearances from urban/local bodies etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated.

(d) Guindy and Mambalam Railway Stations of Chennai have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station scheme. Saidpet is Suburban Grade 3 Railway Station and all Minimum Essential Amenities have already been provided commensurate with volume of passenger traffic.

(e) & (f) Level Crossing (LC) No. 81 already exist at Vaniyambadi at present. ROB in lieu of LC No. 81 at Railway km. 197/36-198/2 in AJJ-JTJ section was sanctioned. On the request of State Government GAD was revised for RUB and approved jointly by Railway and State Government officials. Contract for this RUB work was awarded on 31.10.2016. During progress of work there was agitation by public and the Gate had to be opened after the Court orders (WP 36319/2018 of Hon'ble High Court of Chennai). The work was terminated on 06.11.2018. Retender for the RUB work will be done after the completion of Land acquisition for approach portion by State Government. Further action is to be taken by State Government in this regard.
