

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2238
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

**REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR VARKALA SIVAGIRI RAILWAY
STATION**

2238. SHRI ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of redevelopment plan of Varkala Sivagiri Railway station;**
- (b) the details of approved project along with total cost, works proposed and funds released; and**
- (c) whether the Railways has set any timeline for completion of the above works, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2238 BY SHRI ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2023 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR VARKALA SIVAGIRI RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (c): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station scheme' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of buildings, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

Redevelopment of Varkala Sivagiri Railway Station has been identified under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for a total cost of ₹ 133.19 Crores. The redevelopment includes main railway station building, spacious Roof Plaza, two foot over bridges, escalators, lifts, adequate parking space, improved circulation and state of the art modern facilities for passengers etc.

The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or Station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. Since Varkala Railway station comes under Southern Railway, the allocation of funds to Southern Railway for the current year (2023-24) under Plan Head -53 'Customer Amenities' is ₹ 1242.58 Crores.

Redevelopment of Railway Stations at this scale is complex in nature and requires detailed techno-economic feasibility studies and involves multiple stakeholders' consultations including various statutory clearances from urban/local bodies etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time-frame can be indicated at this stage.
