

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1678
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATION

1678. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is intending to modernize Munroturuttu railway station in Southern railway under Thiruvananthapuram railway division owing to its potential as a hub for tourism in the region, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has allocated funds for modernization of railway stations including Enzhukone and Kottarakkara and to augment their infrastructure and amenities;

(c) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated if any during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of the project, if approved?

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1678 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (d) The scale of amenities provided at Munroturuttu, Ezhukone and Kottarakara are more than the prescribed Minimum Essential Amenities norms. Further, upgradation/ modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation / modernization of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.

The details of allocation funds for modernization/development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise not State-wise or station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 ‘Customer Amenities’. The details of funds allocated to Southern Railway under Plan Head-53 ‘Customer Amenities’, during the last three years and current year are as under:-

(₹ in crores)

Zonal Railway	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	Allocation	Allocation	Allocation	Allocation
Southern	213.11	218.22	436.90	1081.17
