

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 546  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

**STATUS OF THRISSUR RAILWAY STATION**

**546.SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN :**

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

- (a) the current status of the developmental project for Thrissur railway station;**
- (b) whether the Government has initiated a special project to upgrade the Irinjalakkuda railway station and carry out developmental activities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is likely to allocate a special financial package for the developmental activities in Guruvayur station, considering the importance of this town as a notable Hindu pilgrim center and if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and**
- (d) the projects pending among the infrastructural developments including foot over bridges under passes, etc. in Thrissur and the time by which these projects are likely to be completed ?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 546 BYSHRI T.N. PRATHAPANTO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023REGARDINGSTATUS OF THRISSUR RAILWAY STATION.**

**(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station scheme' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. Thrissur and Guruvayur Railway stations falling in the state of Kerala have been identified for redevelopment under this scheme.**

**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 building, 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.**

**Irinjalakkuda Railway Station is duly provided with essential amenities like waiting hall, shelter, drinking water, toilets, foot over bridge etc. as per norms. Upgradation/modernisation of Railway station is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this**

**regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation/modernisation of station is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.**

**The allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or Station-wise. An amount of ₹1242.58 crore has been allocated to Southern Railway under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities' for the year 2023-24 under which Guruvayur Railway Station falls.**

**Further, development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fiber cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, encroachments, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.**

**A work for construction of underpass at Guruvayur (20 km away from Thrissur railway station) under Thrissur Parliamentary**

**Constituency has been taken up by State Government. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) for the same has been prepared.**

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