

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 68  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

**DEVELOPMENT OF MAVELIKKARA RAILWAY STATION**

**\*68. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

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

- (a) the current status of the proposed development plan under Amrit Bharat Scheme of Mavelikkara railway station;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that there are reports of delay under station development project in Mavelikkara citing reasons of unwillingness of contractors to take up the work;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to address the issue; and**
- (d) the details of proposed development projects for the station and the estimated funds that have been allocated for the same?**

**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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 68 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF MAVELIKKARA RAILWAY STATION**

**(a) to (d) Mavelikkara Railway station has been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Presently, work has been undertaken for cover over platform, ceremonial flag, and provision of lifts at platform no. 1 and 2/3. Agencies have been fixed for electrical and telecom works. One contract for civil works has been terminated for non performance and the same is being retendered. Invitation, award and completion of contracts is an ongoing process on Indian Railways and the same are monitored at various levels and appropriate steps are taken.**

**The redevelopment of Mavelikkara station envisages development of concourse area, front porch, circulating area, parking area etc. It is also planned for provision of furniture, cover over platforms, stainless steel benches, wash basins, dustbins, ceremonial flag, electrical/telecom arrangements etc.**

**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, air-port clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, 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.**

**The details of allocation for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not state-wise or station-wise or scheme-wise. Development of stations and provision of Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 ‘Customer Amenities’. Mavelikkara Railway Station falls under the jurisdiction of Southern Railway. During the year 2023-24, a total ₹ 562.72 crore has been allocated for Southern Railway.**

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