

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3813
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019**

FACILITIES FOR CHENGANNUR STATION

3813. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways is proposing to improve the infrastructure facilities for Ayyappa devotees and daily commuters using the Chengannur railway station;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the railways has been considering to construct one Arch gate in the name of Lord Ayyappa at Chengannur station which is declared as the gateway of Sabarimala; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) and (b): Chengannur is a Non-Suburban Grade (NSG)-3 category station. In addition to provision of essential amenities at this station as per norms, the station has also been developed under Adarsh Station Scheme. Efforts are also made to provide additional infrastructural facilities like pilgrim shelter, entry gate, improvement to circulating area, parking and facade of station building, additional dormitory and upper class waiting room etc. for passengers/pilgrims, wherever feasible, subject to inter-se priority of works and availability of funds.

(c) and (d): The proposed entry gate to the station shall conform to the local architecture. No arch gate is proposed in the name of Lord Ayyappa.
