

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 549
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

DEVELOPMENT OF KOLLAM RAILWAY STATION

549. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the developmental activities in Kollam Railway station;

(b) whether the Government has initiated action for the development of Kollam Railway Station into international standard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to conduct any study regarding the development of Kollam Railway station for providing infrastructure facility for termination and starting of more trains from that Station;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details regarding the stage of developmental activities in Kollam Railway Station along with the present stage of Kollam PunalrSengottai electrification?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) Improvements to goods release area and provision of minimum Terminal facilities, additional platform shelters in Platform no. 2 & 3, improvements to waiting halls and

circulating area, station building, development of second entry at NH 208 side, booking office, drainage arrangements, developments of new circulating area in second entry area, improvements to passenger amenities like more facilities in booking office, passenger reservation system (PRS) etc. have been completed recently at Kollam Railway station. Works for provision of Foot Over Bridge and Escalators are in progress.

(b) to (e) Kollam Railway station has been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) for redevelopment. RLDA has initiated process for techno-economic feasibility studies. Redevelopment of station is taken up based on the outcome of the study.

(f) Electrification of Kollam- Punalur section is already sanctioned and planned for commissioning during 2021-22.

At present, gauge conversion of Punalur- Sengottai section has been completed without electrification and proposal for electrification of the sections is under process.
