

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2846
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF TIRUPATI RAILWAY STATION

2846. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan of the Government to develop one of the busiest Railway stations i.e., Tirupati railway station;

(b) whether the Government is planning to increase the number of trains and security measures to provide safe, smooth and comfortable journey to the tourists;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has any plans to make Tirupati-centric division by keeping its importance in view;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether any survey in this regard was conducted with respect to Tirupati railway station?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2846 BY SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2021 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TIRUPATI RAILWAY STATION

(a) Tirupati is a Non-Suburban Grade 2 category railway station. The station has been developed under Model and Modern Station Schemes. In the last three years, the following works have been completed at Tirupati Railway Station:

- **Length of Platform No.6 increased to 580m.**
- **RCC Foot Over Bridge (FOB) extension with 6m wide steel FOB including roofing and flooring.**
- **Provision of 3 Nos. of Cover Over Platforms of 320m total length on Platform No.6**
- **Existing steel FOB improved with better flooring.**
- **Parking facilities of a size 125mx30m developed on south side.**

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.

(b) and (c) Tirupati/Renigunta is connected well with major cities like Delhi, Kolkata, Jammu Tawi, Chennai, Patna, Guwahati Tatanagar, Bhubaneswar, Secunderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad etc. At present, introduction of new trains from Tirupati is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints. However, introduction of new trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railway subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand and availability of resources.

However, various security measures have been planned at the stations such as:-

- i. RPF staff are being deployed round the clock to guard the passenger and passenger area of Tirupati station.**
- ii. CCTV cameras are installed in the station to have a close surveillance over the suspected persons.**
- iii. CPDS teams have been formed to prevent and detect the crime related to the passengers.**
- iv. Coordination with GRP/local police is being maintained to ensure safe journey of passengers.**
- v. Sniffer dogs are being utilized to patrol in the station premises as well as during the time of arrival of important trains.**
- vi. Home guards are being utilized at identified locations in addition to RPF personnel.**
- vii. SEGWAYS are being used in stations to reach the spot swiftly.**
- viii. Women RPF staff are deployed at station as well as for train escort duties to ensure the safety and security of women passengers.**
- ix. Frequent announcements and security alerts through neckband and station PA system as well as passenger awareness programmes are being conducted to sensitize the passengers.**
- x. Unauthorized entry/exits have been closed to prevent unauthorized persons entry into station premises.**

(d) No, Sir

(e) and (f) Do not arise.
