

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4511
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022**

MODERNIZING AMENITIES/FACILITIES AT STATIONS

4511. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to redevelop and modernize amenities and facilities for passengers at the railway stations in Kerala namely, Ezhukone, Mavelikkara, Chengannur, Changanassery and Kuri under Southern Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with funds allocated and works in progress/proposed/awaiting sanctions;

(c) whether the Government further intends to construct under pass at Chenthara, Mylom, and Kariyara to facilitate ease of traffic and further construct a rail over bridge in lieu of Avaneeswaram level cross to decongest traffic movement and ensure ease of traffic that is likely to aggravate in the event of post covid resumption of train services from Kollam-Sengottai path;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with details of any representation received in this regard from Kerala Government and appropriate authorities of Southern Railways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4511 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.03.2022 REGARDING MODERNIZING AMENITIES/FACILITIES AT STATIONS

(a) & (b): Mavelikkara station and Changanacheri Station were developed under ‘Adarsh Station’ scheme during 2010-11. Chengannur station was developed under ‘Model’ ‘Modern’ and ‘Adarsh’ station schemes. Ezhukone and Kuri stations in Southern Railway have been provided with all essential amenities commensurate with volume of passenger traffic handled at those stations. Further, upgradation and modernization of stations are a continuous process subject to volume of traffic and availability of funds. The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are done zonal railway-wise and not station-wise or state-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head 53 ‘Passenger Amenities’. The details of funds allocated and spent under ‘Passenger Amenities Plan Head’ during the last three years and current year are as under:

Rupees in crores		
Plan Head 53 - ‘Passenger Amenities’ (Southern Railway)		
Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2018-19	108.47	57.56
2019-20	111.55	114.44
2020-21	213.11	204.71
2021-22*	218.22	115.80

***Upto February 2022**

(c) & (d): Underpass are provided only in lieu of level crossing, subject to feasibility at site and consent for closure of level crossing (LC). There is no LC at Chenthara, Mylom and Karyara. Rail Under Bridge (RUB) at these locations can be considered by Railways on deposit terms, provided State Government agrees to bear 100% cost of construction and maintenance subject to its feasibility. However, construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No.519 at Avaneeswaram has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with State Government. Alignment details for approval of 'General Arrangement Drawing' (GAD) is not received from State Government. Further action will be taken after receipt of the same.

(e): Does not arise.
