

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4581
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022**

UPGRADATION OF THRISSUR RAILWAY STATION

4581. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is likely to upgrade Thrissur Railway Station into International standards;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has achieved any progress in the Guruvayur-Thirunavaya railway line since 2014;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government is considering Guruvayur station for according special status considering its importance in the pilgrim route; and**
- (f) if so, the details and present status thereof ?**

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.4581 BY SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.03.2022 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF THRISSUR RAILWAY STATION

(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways is exploring various possibilities to develop Railway Stations under different models based on techno-economic feasibility studies including Thrissur Railway Station in the State of Kerala.

(c) & (d): The New Line project between Guruvayur and Tirunavaya for a length of 35 km was sanctioned in 1995-96 at a cost of ₹ 137.71 crores. Anticipated cost of project is ₹ 477 crores.

Final Location Survey (FLS) could be done only for about 8 km upto Kunnamkulam. Though an Agency was fixed for FLS between Kunnamkulam and Tirunavaya and trial survey to finalize the final alignment was already completed, the FLS had to be stopped due to severe public protest against the alignment. FLS could not be taken up further due to continuous public protest against the alignment.

(e) & (f): Guruvayur is a non-suburban grade 4 (NSG-4) station. This station has already been developed as an 'Adarsh station' and all essential amenities commensurate with volume of passenger traffic handled have been provided. Further upgradation/modernization of stations including platform on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and availability of funds.
