

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1491
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

AMRIT BHARAT STATION IN ANDHRA PRADESH

**1491. Shri K Radhakrishnan:
Shri B K Parthasarathi:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway stations in Andhra Pradesh included under the 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme', district-wise, particularly Thrissur and Palakkad railway stations;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps for the development of railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) in the State of Kerala;

(c) the details of funds allocated and disbursed for the development of Amrit Bharat stations in Andhra Pradesh during the last year, district-wise;

(d) the current status of development for each Amrit Bharat station in Andhra Pradesh and details on stations where development has been completed; and

(e) the details of delays in implementation of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme concerning stations in Andhra Pradesh and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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. 1491 BY SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN AND SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING AMRIT BHARAT STATION IN ANDHRA PRADESH

(a) to (e) Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, platform surfacing and cover over platform, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks etc., as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far 1324 Railway Stations have been identified under this scheme out of which 73 stations are located in the State of Andhra Pradesh and 35 stations including Thrisur station are located in the state of Kerala. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Kerala are as below:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Andhra Pradesh	73	Adoni, Anakapalle, Anantapur, Anaparthi , Araku, Bapatla , Bhimavaram Town , Bobbili Jn, Chipurupalli, Chirala, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Cumbum, Dharmavaram, Dhone, Donakonda, Duvvada, Elamanchili , Eluru, Giddalur, Gooty, Gudivada , Gudur, Gunadala , Guntur, Hindupur, Ichchpuram, Kadiri, Kakinada Town , Kottavalasa, Kuppam, Kurnool city , Macherla, Machilipatnam , Madanapalli Road, Mangalagiri, Markapuram Road, Matralayam Road, Nadikude Jn, Nandyal, Narasaraopet, Narsapur , Naupada Jn, Nellore, Nidadavolu, Ongole, Pakala, Palasa, Parvatipuram, Piduguralla, Piler, Rajampet, Rajamundry, Rayanapadu , Renigunta, Repalle, Samalkot, Sattenapalle, Satya Sai Prashati Nilayam, Simhachalam, Singaraykonda, Sri Kalahasti, Srikakulam Road, Sullurpetta, Tadepalligudem, Tadipatri, Tenali , Tirupati, Tuni, Vijayawada, Vinukonda, Vishakhapatnam, Vizianagaram Jn
Kerala	35	Alappuzha , Angadippuram, Angamali For Kaladi, Chalakudi, Changanassery, Chengannur, Chirayinikil, Ernakulam, Ernakulam Town, Ettumanur, Ferok, Guruvayur, Kannur, Kasargod, Kayankulam , Kollam, Kozhikode, Kuttippuram, Mavelikara, Neyyatinkara, Nilambur Road, Ottappalam, Parappanangadi, Payyanur, Punalur, Shoranur Jn., Thalassery, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrisur, Tirur, Tiruvalla , Tripunithura, Vadakara, Varkala, Wadakancheri

The details of funds allocated under Plan Head – 53 ‘Customer Amenities’ are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise or District-wise. The State of Andhra Pradesh spreads across 04 Zones, namely East Coast Railway, Southern Railway, South Central Railway and South Western Railway. The details of funds allocated during last F.Y. year i.e. 2023-24 to these Railways under Plan Head-53 ‘Customer Amenities’, are as under:

(Fig. in crore of ₹)

Zonal Railway	2023-24
	Allocation
East Coast	671.74
Southern	562.72
South Central	801.58
South Western	463.39

Further, Development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, air-port clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.
