GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 334 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024

REDEVELOPMENT OF HOSUR RAILWAY STATION

*334. SHRI K GOPINATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposals for the construction of new railway line between Hosur and Krishnagiri via Jolarpet or Dharmapuri, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for the redevelopment of Hosur Railway Station with state-of -art facilities, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to transfer Hosur Station to Salem Division of Southern Railways, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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 LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 334 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024.

(a) to (f): Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations including trade and tourism etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are covered under Southern Railway (SR), South Central Railway (SCR) and South Western Railway (SWR) zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

As on 01.04.2024, 22 Railways projects (10 new line, 03 Gauge conversion and 09 doubling) of total length 2,587 Km, costing ₹33,467 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 665 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,153 crore has been incurred upto March' 2024. The status of work is summarized as under:-

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2024 (₹ in Cr.)
New Line	10	872	24	1223
Gauge Conversion	3	748	604	3267
Doubling /Multitracking	9	967	37	2664
Total	22	2587	665	7153

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:

Period	Outlay	
2009-14	₹879 crore/year	
2024-25	₹6,362 crore (more than 7 times)	

Though fund allocation has increased manifold but pace of execution of project is dependent on expeditious land acquisition. Railway acquires the land through State Government and the completion of railway projects is dependent of land acquisition. Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are held up due to delay in land acquisition. Status of land acquisition in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:

Total Land required for Projects in Tamil Nadu	3389 Ha
Land Acquired	866 Ha (26%)
Balance Land to be acquired	2523 Ha (74%)

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Tamil Nadu. For instance, details of some major projects which are delayed due to land acquisition are as under:-

SN	Name of the project	Total land required (in Ha)	Land acquired (in Ha)	Balance Land to be acquired (in Ha)
1.	Tindivanam –Tiruvannamalai new line (71 Km)	273	33	240
2.	Attiputtu – Puttur New Line (88 Km)	189	0	189
3.	Morappur – Dharmapuri (36 Km)	93	0	93
4.	Mannargudi – Pattukkottai (41 Km)	152	0	152
5.	Thanjavur – Pattukottai (52 Km)	196	0	196

Final Location Survey (FLS) between Jolarpettai/Tirupattur - Hosur via Krishnagiri new line (98 Km) has been sanctioned.

For connectivity between Hosur and Jolarpettai via Dharmapuri, Morappur- Dharmapuri (36 Km) new line project has been sanctioned. However, total 93.26 Ha land is required for acquisition. So far, no land has been handed over by State Government of Tamil Nadu.

Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway infrastructure projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

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 centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified under this scheme, out of which 77 stations, including Hosur railway station, are located in the state of Tamil Nadu. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Tamil Nadu are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Stations
Tamil	77	Ambasamudram, Ambattur, Arakkonam Jn,
Nadu		Ariyalur, Avadi, Bommidi, Chengalpattu Jn, Chennai Beach, Chennai Egmore, Chennai Park, Chidambaram, Chinna Salem, Chrompet, Coimbatore Jn, Coimbatore North, Coonoor, Dharmapuri, Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central, Erode Jn, Guduvancheri, Guindy, Gummidipundi, Hosur, Jolarpettai Jn, Kanniyakumari, Karaikkudi, Karur Jn, Katpadi, Kovilpatti, Kulitturai, Kumbakonam, Lalgudi, Madurai Jn, Mambalam, Manaparai, Mannargudi, Mayiladuturai Jn, Mettupalayam, Morappur, Nagercoil Jn, Namakkal, Palani, Paramakkudi, Perambur, Podanur Jn, Pollachi, Polur, Pudukkottai,
		Rajapalayam, Ramanathapuram, Rameswaram,

Samalpatti, Sholavandan, Srirangam, Mount, Srivilliputtur, St.Thomas Tambaram, Jn, Tenkasi, Thanjavur Jn, Thiruvarur Tirunelveli Jn, Tirupadripulyur, Tiruchendur, Tirusulam, Tirupattur, Tiruppur, Tiruttani, Tiruvannamalai, Udagamandalam, Tiruvallur, Vellore Cantt., Villupuram Jn, Virudhunagar, Vriddhachalam Jn, Dindigul, Tuticorin

Tenders for development works have been awarded and works have been taken up for 71 Amrit stations, including Hosur station, located in the state of Tamil Nadu. At Hosur station, works of construction of new 12 m wide Foot Over Bridge, waiting hall, pay & use toilets, improvement of existing station building, parking area, approach road, extension of platform shelters, etc. have been taken up. Other projects have also exhibited good pace of execution. For example:

- At Rameshwaram station, MFC building and parcel office have been completed. Structural works of north side terminal building and substation have been completed and works of east side terminal building, arrival forecourt, platform improvement, etc. have been taken up.
- At Madurai station, structural works of east side multi-level twowheeler parking and electric substation have been completed and works of east side terminal building, both sides multi – level car

parking, air concourse, parcel Foot Over Bridge, subway, etc. have been taken up.

- At Chennai Egmore station, structural work of parcel building have been completed and works of both sides multi-level car parking, GI Road side terminal building, etc. have been taken up.
- At Samalpatti station, works of construction of new main terminal building and main entry side circulating area have been completed and works of second entry parking area, raising of platform, construction of compound wall, etc. have been taken up.
- At Karaikkudi Station, works of improvement of platform shelters, seating arrangement, parking area, construction of new porch, lifts and installation of coach indication boards have been completed.
 Structural works for waiting hall, entry and exit gates have been completed and works of circulating area, covered pathway, etc. have been taken up.
- At Ariyalur and Mannargudi stations, works of construction of new entry gates, entrance porch, improvement of circulating area with approach road, parking area, concourse area, booking counters, platform surface, waiting halls and platform shelters have been completed.

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 brownfield 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 tracks and high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

Provision / upgradation of passenger amenities and development of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or Station-wise or State-wise. Hosur station falls in South Western Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for this zone is ₹961 Crores.

Hosur Station is in Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway and presently, no proposal is under consideration for transfer of Hosur Station to Salem Division of Southern Railways.
