

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 413  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**CHENGANNUR RAILWAY STATION IN KERALA**

**413. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are any ongoing or proposed development projects for Chengannur railway station in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details of these projects, including specific plans for infrastructure improvements, modernization of facilities, and estimated costs and approval status thereof ;**
- (c) the current status and expected timelines for the completion of these development projects;**
- (d) whether the Government has consulted local stakeholders, including passengers and representatives, regarding the requirements and upgrades needed at said railway station;**
- (e) if not, whether the Government plans to address the identified needs of said railway station in the near future to enhance passenger amenities and services, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the benefits expected from these projects for passengers, particularly in terms of improved accessibility, convenience, and infrastructure at said railway station?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 413 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING CHENGANNUR RAILWAY STATION IN KERALA.**

**(a) to (f) : Upgradation/Modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, inter-se priority, availability of funds etc. The priority for upgradation / modernization of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.**

**In recent years, paving in ramp, Improvements to pay and use toilets in circulating area, improvements to AC waiting hall as well as retiring rooms and replacement of damaged PF shelter roofing have been executed at Chengannur railway station.**

**Further, Chengannur Railway Station falling in the state of Kerala has been identified for redevelopment under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.**

**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, 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 such 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 ballast less tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term. The scheme involves appropriate discussions/consultations with all the stakeholders for development of the stations and the same has been done for Chengannur railway station as well.**

**The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not Work-wise or Station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. Chengannur railway station in Kerala falls under Southern Railway Zone and the fund allocation to Southern Railway for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', for the year (BE 2024-25) is ₹ 1383.24 Cr.**

**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, airport 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, encroachments, 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.**