

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4236
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

RAILWAY STATION REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN TAMIL NADU

4236. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in Tamil Nadu identified for redevelopment under the Railway Station Redevelopment Programme;

(b) the current status of these projects including timelines for completion;

(c) whether there have been any delays or budget overruns;

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address these issues and ensure timely completion of the projects; and

(e) the status of Tindivanam-Nagari Railway Line project?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (e) Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 77 stations 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 Amrit Stations
Tamil Nadu	77	Ambasamudram, Ambattur, Arakkonam Jn, 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, Dindigul, 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, Salem, Samalpatti, Sholavandan, Srirangam, Srivilliputtur, St. Thomas Mount, Tambaram, Tenkasi, Thanjavur Jn, Thiruvarur Jn, Tiruchendur, Tirunelveli Jn, Tirupadripulyur,

		Tirupattur, Tiruppur, Tirusulam, Tiruttani, Tiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Tuticorin, Udagamandalam, Vellore Cantt, Villupuram Jn, Virudhunagar, Vriddhachalam Jn
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Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Tamil Nadu have been taken up at a good pace. For example,

- **At Madurai station, structural works of east side multi-level two-wheeler 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 has been completed and works of both sides multi-level car parking, GI Road side terminal building, etc. have been taken up.**
- **At Rameshwaram station in the state of Tamil Nadu, structural works of north side terminal building, electric sub-station and construction of parcel office have been completed and works of construction of east side terminal building, arrival forecourt, platform improvement, 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 two wheeler 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, circulating area, parking area, construction of new porch, entry and exit gates, lifts and installation of coach indication boards have been completed. The works for waiting hall, 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.**

Amrit Bharat Station 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.

Development/upgradation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or station-wise or state-wise. The state of Tamil Nadu is covered under two zones viz. Southern Railway and SouthWestern Railway. For these zones, an allocation of Rs 1,909 Crores (Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2024-25 under Plan Head-53.

Development/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 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.

Tindivanam-Nagari (184 Km) new line project has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs 3,631 Crores. Out of total 184 Km length, 6 km length from Walajah Road to Ranipet has been completed. An expenditure of Rs 764 Crores has been incurred up to March, 2024. Work has been taken up in the available land.

Further, as on 01.04.2024, 22 Railways infrastructures projects (10 new line, 03 Gauge conversion and 09 doubling) of total length 2,587 Km, costing Rs 33,467 Crores, falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/ execution, out of which 665 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs 7,153 Crores has been incurred up to March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length	Length Commissioned	Balance to complete	Expenditure upto March 2024 (Rs in Crores)
New line	10	872 Km	24 Km	848 Km	1,223
Gauge conversion	3	748 Km	604 Km	144 Km	3,267
Doubling / multitracking	9	967 Km	37 Km	930 Km	2,664
Total	22	2587 Km	665 Km	1922 Km	7,153

In last three years (i.e. 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-24 and current Financial Year i.e. 2024-25), total 21 Nos. of Surveys (4 New Line and 17 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu having a total length of 1813 Km have been sanctioned and survey work has been taken up.

Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu is held up due to delay in land acquisition. Status of land acquisition in Tamil Nadu is as under:

Total Land required for Projects in Tamil Nadu	4288 Ha
Land Acquired	991 Ha (23%)
Balance Land to be acquired	3297 Ha (77%)

Support of the Government of Tamil Nadu is needed to expedite the land acquisition.

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

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
