GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4303
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

STATUS OF AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME FOR KANNUR RAILWAY STATION

4303. SHRI K SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the implementation of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for the development of Kannur Railway Station;

(b) whether there has been any delay in the implementation of the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the timeline for the completion of the project at Kannur Railway Station?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) Kannur railway station, located in the state of Kerala, has been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. For development works at Kannur station, tenders have been awarded

and works have been taken up. Also, a number of passenger amenities works have been carried out at Kannur railway station during last three years which include provision of lift, escalator, public announcement system, solar power plant, sewage treatment plant, improvement of water supply arrangements, etc.

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.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 35 stations are located in the state of Kerala. The names of stations identified for development

under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Kerala are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Kerala	35	Alappuzha, Angadippuram, AngamaliForKaladi, Chalakudi, Changanassery, Chengannur, Chirayinkeezh, 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 Sivagiri, Wadakancheri

Development / upgradation 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. The state of Kerala is covered under Southern Railway. For this zone, an allocation of Rs 1,098 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.

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