

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5082
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

**REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR ERNAKULAM TOWN AND JUNCTION
RAILWAY STATIONS**

5082. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are strategies to address obstacles and ensure the timely completion of the redevelopment projects in Ernakulam Town and Junction Railway Stations with specified quality, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the redevelopment plans consider passengers entering from the rear of the Ernakulam Town and Junction Railway Stations particularly in ensuring access to basic facilities like toilets, , if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether provisions have been made to meet the needs of special groups including lactating women, differently-abled individuals, transgenders and women concerning facilities, security and mandatory arrangements, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether a comprehensive overview is available for the new facilities planned for Ernakulam Town and Junction such as the proposed Sky Walks and Multilevel Car Parking ; and**
- (e) if so, the details including capacity, quality, efficiency and effectiveness and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Railways has identified Ernakulam Town and Ernakulam Junction Railway Station for redevelopment under 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme'. The works at identified stations have been

taken up with good pace. The progress at Ernakulam Town and Ernakulam Junction stations is given below:

At Ernakulam Junction station, the foundations work of east terminal building, multi-level car parking and service building completed. The structural works of east terminal building, multi-level car parking and service building have been taken up. Further the structural works of office building, P-way depot and P-way office completed, and the finishing works have been taken up. The foundation works of west terminal building have been taken up.

At Ernakulam Town station, the structural works of west terminal building (Segment -I), multi-level car parking have been taken up. The foot over bridge foundation works completed and fabrication works have been taken up. The structural work of residential tower completed, and block masonry works have been taken up. The works for temporary substation, new optical fibre cable repeater room and temporary sewage treatment plant have been completed.

Redevelopment plans of Ernakulam Junction and Ernakulam Town stations have provisions for passengers entering from rear side through station building/ foot over bridge/ Skywalks as applicable.

The redevelopment plans also have provisions for feeding room, Child Help line, health facilitation, security arrangements, toilets etc.

There is provision of Multi-Level Car Parking at Ernakulum Junction and Ernakulum Town and Skywalk arrangement from Ernakulum Junction station to Ernakulum South Metro station. Skywalk is planned from Ernakulum Town station to Ernakulum North Road Over Bridge from where access is available to bus stop and Town Hall Metro Station. East

Terminal of Ernakulum Junction station is very close to Manorama Bus stand. Above arrangements are considered adequate and effective for passengers coming to Railway station by Metro/Bus/Road Vehicle.

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. This scheme 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.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 35 stations including Ernakulam Town and Ernakulam Junction 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, Angamali For Kaladi, 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, VarkalaSivagiri, Wadakancheri

Indian Railways has an inbuilt mechanism to check the quality of works, which is being performed at various levels by concerned Railway officials as per guidelines laid down in the Indian Railways Engineering Code, Indian Railways Works Manual and Specification etc. and the works meeting the laid down standards only are accepted.

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 fiber 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.

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