

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5263
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

ROLE OF PPP IN REDEVELOPMENT PLANS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway stations planned for redevelopment over the next five years within Tamil Nadu and the criteria used to select these stations for the project;**
- (b) the total fund allocated for the redevelopment of these stations;**
- (c) the improvements made in terms of infrastructure, passenger amenities and accessibility at these redeveloped stations;**
- (d) the expected timeline for the completion of the redevelopment of major railway stations and the phases of this project;**
- (e) the role of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in the redevelopment process and the details of private players if any roped in for the development of specific stations;**
- (f) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the redevelopment of stations without disrupting regular train services; and**
- (g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to minimize inconvenience to passengers during the construction phase?**

ANSWER

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

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- (a) to (g): Upgradation/modernisation of Railway station is a continuous and ongoing process. Works for improvement of passenger amenities including expansion of platforms are undertaken depending**

upon need, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se priority, subject to availability of funds.

Ministry of Railways has identified 1337 Railway Stations for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 77 stations are located in the State of Tamil Nadu. The list of stations identified for development in the State of Tamil Nadu is as follows:

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

Out of these 77 stations, the development works have been taken up on 71 stations.

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Tamil Nadu have been taken up at a good pace. The progress at some of the above stations is as given below:

- 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.**
- **At Virudhunagar station, works of construction of new entrance arch, compound wall, relocation of service building, improvement of platform surfacing, provision of covered parking and integrated passenger information system have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, improvement of circulating area, approach road, etc. have been taken up.**

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.

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 (SR) and South Western Railway (SWR). 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.

Further, development/redevelopment 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, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, 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. However all efforts are made to execute the works with minimal inconvenience to passengers by provision of proper demarcation and barricading of affected areas, signages and creation of alternative facilities.

Ministry of Railways explored various models of development of stations including Public Private Partnership (PPP). Rani Kamalapati station in the state of Madhya Pradesh has already been developed and commissioned under PPP model. Presently 15 nos. of stations have been identified for development on PPP model. Project formulation is a complex and iterative process requiring optimization and specific details regarding PPP cannot be given at this stage.
