

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026**

AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME FOR TAMIL NADU

***163. THIRU DAYANIDHI MARAN:**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of stations identified for redevelopment under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) across the country since its inception and the total number of stations completed as on 1st January, 2026;**
- (b) whether the Southern Railway is undertaking redevelopment of railway stations in Tamil Nadu under the said scheme and if so, the total number of stations covered and the present status of works therein;**
- (c) whether redevelopment works at Park, Guindy, Chennai Beach, and Guduvanchery railway stations are nearing completion and if so, the details thereof and the timeline by when the remaining stations are expected to be completed;**
- (d) the details of passenger amenities being provided under the scheme including lifts, escalators, toilets, improved platforms, safety measures, accessibility facilities for differently abled and senior citizens and last-mile connectivity support;**
- (e) the details of the total funds allocated/released and utilised under the said scheme, State and zone-wise; and**
- (f) whether issues such as parking space shortage and commuters inconvenience during construction work pertaining to redevelopment have been reported and if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to address the same and ensure timely completion of the projects?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 163 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026 IN LOK SABHA

(a) to (f) Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations. So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under this scheme and works have been completed at 172 stations.

In Tamil Nadu, 77 stations including Chennai Beach, Chennai Park, Guindy and Guduvancheri, have been identified for development under this scheme. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Tamil Nadu are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Name of 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, Dindigul, Erode Jn., Guduvancheri, Guindy, Gummidiipundi, Hosur, Jolarpettai Jn, Kanniyakumari Terminus, Karaikkudi Jn, Karur Jn, Katpadi Jn, Kovilpatti, Kulitturai, Kumbakonam, Lalgudi, Madurai Jn, Mambalam, Manaparai, Mannargudi, Mayiladuturai Jn, Mettupalayam, Morappur, Nagercoil Jn, Namakkal, Palani, Paramakkudi, Perambur, Podanur Jn., Pollachi Jn, Polur, Pudukkottai, Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central, Rajapalayam, Ramanathapuram, Rameswaram, Salem, Samalpatti, Sholavandan, Srirangam, Srivilliputtur, St. Thomas Mount, Tambaram, Tenkasi, Thanjavur Jn, Thiruvarur Jn., Tiruchendur, Tirunelveli Jn, Tirupadripuliyur, Tirupattur, Tiruppur, Tirusulam, Tiruttani, Tiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Tuticorin, Udagamandalam, Vellore Cantt., Villupuram Jn., Virudhunagar, Vriddhachalam Jn.

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Tamil Nadu have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, works of 19 stations (Bommidi, Chennai Park, Chidambaram, Chinna Salem, Karaikkudi Jn, Kulitturai, Manaparai, Mannargudi, Morappur, Pollachi Jn, Polur, Samalpatti, Sholavandan, Srirangam, Srivilliputtur, St. Thomas Mount, Thiruvarur Jn., Tiruvannamalai, Vriddhachalam Jn.) in Tamil Nadu have been completed under this scheme. The works at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of above stations is as given below:

- **Chennai Beach station:** The works of improvement of platform shelter at platform no. 1 to 8 and improvement of stairs flooring of Foot Over Bridge have been completed. The works of improvement of concourse building, platform surfacing of platform no. 1 to 6, Integrated Passenger Information System and lighting have been taken up.
- **Guindy station:** The works of improvement of platform shelter, toilet block, parking at GST road side and 3 nos. lifts have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, platform surface, new booking office, circulating area, Integrated Passenger Information System and lighting have been taken up.
- **Guduvancheri station:** The works of improvement of platform shelter of platform no. 4/5 and platform surface of platform no. 1 & 2/3 have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, canopy, toilet, circulating area, parking at Villupuram end, Integrated Passenger Information System, lighting and lift have been taken up.
- **Mayiladuturai Junction station:** The works of new toilet block, signages, platform shelter, parking shelter, entrance arch, exit arch, terminal building extension with portico, extended concourse, AC waiting hall, improvements to platform surface and Divyangjan facilities like ramp, low height ticket counter, help booth, toilets, tactile pathway etc. have been completed. The works of improvement of circulating area, landscaping, water cubicles, 6 m Foot Over Bridge, lifts and escalators have been taken up.
- **Kumbakonam station:** The work for soil investigation for main station building and 3 m Foot Over Bridge has been completed. The works for

demolition of infringing building, site clearing, extension of platform no. 4 and circulating area have been taken up.

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations including provision for lifts, escalators, toilets, platforms on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. The priority for development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

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

The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations. The master planning includes:

- **Improvement of access to station and circulating areas**
- **Integration of station with both sides of city**
- **Improvement of station building**
- **Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths**
- **Provision of wider foot over bridge/air concourse commensurate with passenger traffic**
- **Provision of lift/escalators/ramp**
- **Improvement /Provision of platform surface and cover over platforms**
- **Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’**
- **Parking areas, Multimodal integration**
- **Amenities for Divyangjans**
- **Better passenger information systems**
- **Provision of executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.**

The scheme also envisages 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 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.

Indian Railways is committed to make its railway stations accessible for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility as part of “Sugamya Bharat Mission” or ‘Accessible India Campaign’ of Government of India. In compliance of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, “Guidelines on accessibility of Indian Railway stations and facilities at stations for differently abled persons (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility” have been circulated and notified in the Gazette of India. The guidelines include provisions of facilities for Divyangjans and passengers with reduced mobility such as entrance ramps, accessible parking, low height ticket counters/help booths, toilets, drinking water booths, subways/foot over bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for visual impairment etc.

Suggestions / Representations, both formal and informal for Railway projects / Works across the country are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Members of Parliament, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations / rail users etc., at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. Receipt of such suggestions / representations is a continuous and dynamic process and these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.

Indian Railways has a well established mechanism to monitor implementation of projects including their reviews, inspection, check for safety, quality of works and audits. Works are carried out adhering to the standards and specifications laid down in various codes and manuals. Inspections/audits/checks are carried out from time to time by various agencies/officials/multi-disciplinary teams as per laid down instructions

and actions for correction are taken immediately. This is a continuous and ongoing process.

Development / Upgradation / Modernization of stations including 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 the jurisdiction of two railway zones, namely, Southern Railway and South Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 1,697 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-26, out of which an expenditure (up to December, 2025) of ₹1,360 crore has been incurred so far.
