

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 811
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS OF GURUVAYOOR RAILWAY STATION

811. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing and completed developmental projects of Guruvayoor Railway station;

(b) whether the Government is likely to construct amenities like AC retiring rooms, air-conditioned waiting halls, water coolers, etc. in the aforementioned railway station considering its pilgrim importance;

(c) whether the government is likely to introduce more trains operating to and from Guruvayoor especially from Northern Kerala, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has abandoned the Guruvayoor – Thirunavaya Railway line construction project; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 811 BY SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS OF GURUVAYOOR RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (e) Ministry of Railways has recently launched Amrit Bharat Station scheme. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. Guruvayoor Railway station is identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

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, 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, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

Guruvayoor is presently being served by 12 train services. Besides, introduction of new trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources etc.

The New Line Project between Guruvayur and Tirunavaya for a length of 35 Km was sanctioned in 1995-96 at a cost of ₹ 137.71 crore. Anticipated cost of project is ₹ 477 crore.

Final Location Survey (FLS) could be done only for about 8 Km upto Kunnamkulam. Though an Agency was fixed for final location survey between Kunnamkulam & Tirunavaya and the trial survey to finalise the final alignment was already completed, the FLS had to be stopped due to severe public protest against the alignment.

FLS could not be taken up further due to continuous public protest against the alignment.