

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2639
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

NON-OPERATIONAL LIFT AT KARUR RAILWAY STATION

2639. SHRI MATHESWARAN V S:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sanctioned lift in the Karur Railway Station is not operational and if so, the time limit by which the said lift will be operational; and**
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to include Namakkal Station in the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme?**

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2639 BY SHRI MATHESWARAN V S TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING NON-OPERATIONAL LIFT AT KARUR RAILWAY STATION

(a) and (b): 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.

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

So far, 1324 stations have been selected under this scheme based on proposals received from Zonal Railways, stations located in major cities and towns. Out of 1324 stations, 77 stations including Karur and Namakkal station in the State of Tamil Nadu have been identified for development under the scheme.

At Karur and Namakkal Railway Stations, tenders have been awarded and works of improvement of station building, circulating area, entrance porches, toilets, waiting halls, foot over bridges, platforms including provision of lifts etc. have been taken up.

Further upgradation/development/redevelopment of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous on-going process and works in this regards are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation/development/redevelopment of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.
