

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ERNAKULAM RAILWAY STATION
Dias Dr. Charles

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current progress of the renovation of Ernakulam Railway Station into World Class Station;
- (b) the proposed facilities likely to be provided at this station and the time-frame stipulated for its completion;and
- (c) the measures taken to enable release of emergency quota of railway tickets for trains that are starting and passing through Ernakulam, at the railway office, Ernakulam (Tamil Nadu)?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b) Ernakulam, an A1 category station, has already been developed under Model and Modern station schemes. To augment existing amenities at the station, raising of Platform No.2/3 & 4/5 to high level and extension of platform shelter at platform No.4/5 have been undertaken. In addition, provision of two escalators, new booking office, new waiting hall and platform shelter on platform No.6 are also sanctioned. A Tender for consultancy work for preparing project report for development of Ernakulam station as world class station, has been awarded, recently.

(c) The allotment of Emergency Quota for trains originating from Ernakulam is being done by Area Manager/Ernakulam. For trains passing through Ernakulam, the requests for release of Emergency Quota are dealt by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Trivandrum. Trains for which remote has been defined at Ernakulam, separate Emergency Quota has been earmarked and the same is being released by Area Manager/Ernakulam.