

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to shut down some Railway Stations including Mankara Station in Palakkad in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to develop certain stations in collaboration with Ministry of Tourism;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the stations identified for the purpose; and
- (e) the time frame set for implementation of the said proposal?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) Indian Railways have planned to improve the passenger amenities at 24 identified railway stations keeping in view the heritage and tourism value of the stations / destinations in partnership with Ministry of Tourism. The upgradation and modernization is to be done on 50:50 cost sharing basis. The priority of works for improvement of amenities has been jointly decided by Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Tourism. The stations identified are Hyderabad, Tirupati, Hospet, Agra Cantt., Rae Bareli, Varanasi, Delhi Sufdarjung, Kamakhya, Guwahati, Haridwar, Kurukshetra, Gaya, Madurai, Rameshwaram, Tarapith, Tarakeshwar, New Jalpaiguri, Thiruvananthapuram, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Nanded, Puri, Jaipur, and Ajmer.

(e) No time frame has been set.