

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PILGRIM CENTRE AT CHENGANNUR RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any plan to set up a Pilgrim Centre at Chengannur Railway Station in Kerala because of its religious importance; and

(b) the total estimated expenditure for the project alongwith the facilities likely to be provided to pilgrimages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): Three pilgrim centres with roof, cement/tiled flooring, lights and fans are available at Chengannur railway station. Besides, construction of a pilgrim complex alongwith development of low lying area near RPF station, is approved at a cost of Rs.95 lakhs.

In addition, following works are approved and are in progress at Chengannur station, details of which are as under:

(i) Chengannur-Chingavanam doubling work at a cost of Rs.13225 lakhs. In this work, additional platform with station building and other amenities on platform have been planned.

(ii) Reroofing of station building and vegetarian refreshment room at a cost of Rs.19 lakhs.

(iii) Provision of VIP lounge, upper class waiting room, Station Managers Room and raising of platform no. 2 and 3 at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs.

Toilets and bathroom facility, water supply, announcements in Telugu, Kannada and Tamil languages in addition to Hindi, English and Malayalam for guidance of passengers, one Janatha Khana outlet, parking facility, medical facility, pilgrim assistance booth, retiring room and one newly constructed waiting room are also provided for pilgrims.