

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.197
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022**

HEIGHT OF PLATFORM IN VALLIKUNNU STATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of difficulties being faced by the passengers and the accidents that have taken place due to low height of platform in the Vallikkunnu Railway Station under the Palakkad Division in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the reasons behind the ongoing delay in raising the height of the platform even after a long period and repeated demands from the people;**
- (c) whether the Government is likely to take necessary steps to sanction the work of raising the platform at the earliest; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (d) Considering the safety aspects, Ministry of Railways in April 2018 have revised the norms of Minimum Essential Amenities and decided to provide High Level Platforms at Railway Stations irrespective of their category on Broad Gauge which was not the case earlier, as only

erstwhile 'A1', 'A' & 'C' category stations were provided with High Level platforms. However, priority is accorded to a higher category station over a lower category station while sanctioning and executing the work of raising the height of platform.

At present, Railway stations are categorized as NSG1 to NSG6, SG1 to SG3 and HG1 to HG3. Vallikunnu station is a NSG6 category railway station. The railway station has 02 medium level platforms, which have been planned to be raised to high level according to the priority assigned to it under the said policy. However, sanction of the work depends upon relative priority of similar works proposed for various stations and the availability of resources and technical feasibility.
