

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 301
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

RENOVATION OF VADAKARA RAILWAY STATION

301. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the renovation of the Vadakara Railway Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme;**
- (b) the expected time of completion of the renovation works of restrooms, comfort stations and the development of parking space outside the station;**
- (c) whether the initiative supports developing the roads connecting the railway station with local bus stands;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the other components which come under the renovation project and the expected time of completion of the entire project?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 301 BY SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING RENOVATION OF VADAKARA RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (e) The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been launched for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. 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 including Vadakara Railway station have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. At

Vadakara station the works of entrance porches, parking areas, flooring of platform no. 2 and 3, improvements to drainage, provision of high mast lights, train information boards, coach display boards, coach position boards etc. have been taken up.

However, development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, air-port clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.
