

Regarding construction of two additional platforms at Alappuzha-Laid

SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): I would like to address critical demands regarding the development of Alappuzha Railway Station in Kerala. Alappuzha, known as the Venice of the East, hosts major tourist events like the Nehru Trophy Boat Race, attracting thousands of tourists annually. As the prime railway station in this coastal region, it falls under the Non-Suburban Group 3 (NSG 3) category and has been included in the Amrit Bharat Scheme. I urge upon the Government to upgrade the station to NSG 1, considering its importance as a tourism hub. Alappuzha Railway Station currently has three platforms, which are often fully occupied, causing trains to be held at nearby stations like Ambalapuzha and Mararikulam. Even the Vande Bharat Express faced delays due to platform unavailability. To address this, I request immediate steps to construct two additional platforms and undertake track doubling. The increase in platform capacity is essential for accommodating the growing number of trains and passengers. These enhancements are crucial to support the influx of tourists and improve the overall efficiency of train operations at Alappuzha Railway Station. The station's development will significantly contribute to the region's tourism and economic growth.