

Need to expedite redevelopment works at 15 railway stations in Chennai division in Tamil Nadu under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.-laid

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The Suburban Electric Train Services is the important mode of transport and is the lifeline for millions of commuters within Chennai and adjoining areas. At a time when hundreds and thousands of suburban-commuters are suffering from poor amenities at railway-stations, especially along the Chennai Beach Tambaram-Chengalpattu section, the announcement that 15 railway-stations of the Chennai Division would be developed under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) came as a big relief. The Station Redevelopment Scheme was announced in January 2023 and the work was initiated in March 2023. The Southern Railway had promised to complete the work in six-months and appointed a project consultant to monitor the progress of the work. But the ABSS project on the Chennai Beach-Tambaram-Chengalpattu corridor is progressing at a snail's pace. The Redevelopment work is still pending even after two-years have passed. It is high time for the railway authorities should act swiftly to complete the Station as quick as possible. Also, the ever busy Saidapet Railway Station must be included under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme as it serves as the very important railway-station located in close proximity with Chennai Metro Line. The Integral Coach Factory (ICF) is manufacturing 12-car coaches with a passenger capacity of 5,280 commuters. There is an urgent need for use of 12 more car coaches in suburban trains corridor to cater the large volume of people commuting to and from Chennai by Suburban Trains. Therefore, I urge the Union Government to expedite the Redevelopment works at all 15 Railway Stations in Chennai Division and to increase the number of trains services with 12 coaches to cater the people from Greater Chennai and its adjoining areas.