

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1675
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019**

DRINKING WATER FACILITY

1675. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide drinking water facilities at Neyyattinkara Railway Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala;

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to set up toilets at Neyyattinkara Railway Station;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to set up parking facilities at Neyyattinkara Railway Station; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to re-construct the roofing for the entire platform at Neyyattinkara Railway Station, given the present dilapidated condition of the existing roof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) It is Railways endeavour to provide free potable water at all Railway Stations spread over length and breadth of the country and adequate arrangements have been made to provide free potable drinking water at stations to meet the demand of drinking water facilities, including at Neyyatinkara Railway Station. This station is supplied with

drinking water with own source of open well. This station is provided with 6 Nos. of water taps against the requirement of 16 Nos. & with 3 Nos. of Toilets against the requirement of 4 Nos. The shortfall vis-a-vis the prescribed norms will be made good by March, 2019.

As per extant rules, NSG-5 category Stations do not qualify for provision of parking facilities. However, the station is provided with 1350 sq.m. of circulating area which also includes parking area. Neyyatinkara Station is already provided with 508 sq.m. of Platform Shelter on Platform No.1 and 173 sq.m. on Platform No.2 against the minimum requirement of 50 sq.m. on each Platform as per norms. However, additional Platform Shelter is planned along with the doubling of the line between Trivandrum & Kanyakumari. These amenities are considered adequate for the present volume of passenger traffic being handled at the station.

Further, improvement/augmentation of amenities at Stations is a continuous and on-going process. Works in this regard are undertaken depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se priority subject to availability of funds.
