

Regarding Need to review the decision to exclude Aluva Railway Station in Ernakulam district, Kerala from Amrit Bharat Station Scheme-Laid

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY): I wish to draw the urgent attention of the Government to the exclusion of Aluva Railway Station from the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Aluva, situated in Aluva in Ernakulam district, is one of the most important railway stations in Kerala. It functions as a major transit hub catering to thousands of passengers daily, including commuters, students, migrant workers and long-distance travellers. The station is strategically significant as it is the nearest major railhead to Cochin International Airport, thereby serving as a vital link between rail and air connectivity for both domestic and international passengers. Aluva also plays a crucial role during the pilgrimage season to Sabarimala Temple, handling substantial passenger inflow from different parts of the country. Further, its integration with the metro network operated by Kochi Metro Rail Limited enhances its importance as a multimodal transport centre. Despite this strategic and economic significance, the station lacks adequate modernization, passenger amenities and infrastructure commensurate with its growing footfall. Several stations have been selected for redevelopment. The exclusion of Aluva has caused deep concern among the people of Kerala. I urge the Government to reconsider and include Aluva Railway Station in the scheme at the earliest.