

Eranad Express to be extended upto Nagercoil, says Rly Minister

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THE Thiruvananthapuram-Mangalore Eranad Express would be extended upto Nagercoil, said E Ahamed, Minister of State for Railways.

Speaking to reporters at Tirunelveli railway station on Tuesday, E Ahamed said Tirunelveli railway station was an important one and special care would be taken for the development of the railway station. Around Rs 35 crore worth development works have been completed here and another allotment of Rs 4 crore has been given for the further development of the railway station.

Doubling of railway track from Madurai to down south was on the anvil, the Minister said. When asked about the operation of Shencottal-Erode passenger train, the Minister said he would look into this issue. He further said that the Tirunelveli-Hapa Express would be operated soon.

Anil Singal, Divisional Railway Manager, Madurai, said the proposal of a new foot over bridge with lift facilities at a cost of Rs 5 crore at Tirunelveli



E Ahamed, Minister of State for Railways, arriving at Tirunelveli railway station on Tuesday

station would be sent to the Railway Board. It may be sanctioned at the ensuing railway budget next year.

Surprisingly, the Minister who arrived at around 7.50 am by Guruvayur-Chennai Express failed to do a full-fledged inspection of the Tirunelveli railway station.

He then left for Kanyakumari and

returned to Tirunelveli only to leave by Ananthapuram Express at around 8 pm. Anil Singal, Divisional Railway Manager, Madurai, Hosiar Chand, Divisional Commercial Manager, Madurai, Railway PRO Venugopal, IUMI state president K M Kadher Mohideen, Ramasubbu MP and others were present.