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A HISTORIC LANDMARK - A MODERN TRANSFORMATION

Chennai Egmore Railway Station, one of the four major intercity terminals in Chennai, is undergoing a comprehensive redevelopment aimed at transforming it into a modern, integrated and passenger-friendly transport hub while preserving its historic Gothic architectural heritage.

Built between 1906–1908 as the terminus of the South Indian Railway Company, Chennai Egmore remains one of the most prominent landmarks of the city. With rapid growth in passenger traffic over the decades, the existing infrastructure has experienced significant pressure. In view of this, the Ministry of Railways, Government of India, has sanctioned a large-scale redevelopment project to upgrade facilities and enhance passenger experience.

Gandhi Irwin Road (GI) Side Terminal Building (G+2 Floors)

A new G+2 terminal building is being constructed with spacious Departure and Arrival lobbies, Divyangjan-friendly accessibility, retiring rooms, commercial and retail shops, executive lounges, lifts and escalators.

Poonamallee High Road (PH) Side Terminal Building (G+2 Floors)

This modern terminal is being constructed above the operational Chennai Egmore Metro Station, ensuring seamless Rail–Metro integration. The basement includes two-wheeler parking. The building will feature full passenger amenities similar to the Gandhi Irwin Road (GI) side. Both terminal buildings will be connected through elevated track crossing structures including Arrival & Parcel FOB and Departure Concourse.

Gandhi Irwin Road Side Multi-Level Car Parking (G+5 Floors)

Ground and First floors will house commercial spaces. Second, Third and Fourth floors are designated for vehicle parking. The Fifth floor is planned for commercial activities such as budget hotel, banquet hall and cafeteria. Parking floors are completed, and finishing works are in progress in other floors.

Poonamallee High Road Side Multi-Level Car Parking (G+5 Floors)

Similar structured parking and commercial development is underway. Finishing works are in progress across all floors.

Parcel Office (G+2 Floors)

A dedicated building for Railway Parcel and Railway Mail Service (RMS) Postal services operations has been completed. The first floor has been handed over to RMS. Upon commissioning of lifts, parcel operations will be fully shifted to this new facility.

Electrical Substation (11 KV)

The substation will distribute power to terminal buildings, concourses, platforms and service areas. Civil works are nearing completion, and procurement of equipment such as DG sets and panels is in progress.

Parcel & Arrival Foot Over Bridge

An 18-metre-wide Foot Over Bridge at 8.225 m above track level will connect GI and **Poonamallee High Road Side** sides, with separate corridors for passengers (12 m) and parcels (6 m). Escalators and lifts will be provided on all platforms for seamless access.

Departure Concourse

A 72-metre-wide elevated concourse at 11.225 m above track level will connect both terminal buildings. It will house waiting halls, retail outlets and commercial facilities, with lift and escalator access to all platforms.

Arrival Concourse

A 36-metre-wide FOB at the Beach end will connect the PH terminal building to multiple platforms.

Through Roof Covering

A high-raised roof structure (25 m above track level) will cover all 11 platforms, significantly improving passenger comfort and weather protection.

Heritage Refurbishment & Platform Resurfacing

The existing heritage building on the GI side will be refurbished with due care to preserve its historic character. All platforms will be resurfaced with granite flooring.

External Development

External works include new approach roads, circulating areas, organized pick-up and drop zones, and improved parking arrangements on both sides of the station.

The redevelopment is being executed in a phased manner within a fully operational station environment. All works are being closely monitored to ensure safety, quality and timely completion.

Upon completion, Chennai Egmore will emerge as a modern, integrated, passenger-centric transport hub with improved circulation, enhanced amenities, structured parking, seamless metro connectivity and restored heritage architecture. Chennai Division of Southern Railway sincerely appreciates the continued patience and cooperation of passengers and stakeholders during this transformative phase.

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