

The construction of the infrastructure needed to maintain the semi-high-speed "Vande Bharat" train at this location's broad gauge coaching depot has begun, according to the Tiruchi Railway Division.

In order to improve one of the existing pit lines inside the large coaching depot, overhead electrical configurations will be added for the purpose of maintaining the chair car "Vande Bharat" train coaches.

A senior railway executive told The Hindu that Southern Railway has already released the tender for choosing the contractor for upgrading the pit line, which would be able to handle 20 "Vande Bharat" coaches.

It has sanctioned works to be taken up at a cost of nearly Rs 2.3 crore for creation of necessary infrastructure at the Tiruchi coaching depot exclusively for maintenance of 'Vande Bharat' coaches.

In addition to creation of overhead electrical arrangements, civil works including laying of new pipelines are also proposed to be taken up at the pit line which is to be upgraded. The coaching depot has three pit lines of which one is to be upgraded to handle 'Vande Bharat' coaches, the officer said.

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