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Work on Madhavaram bus terminus nearing end

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ALMOST OVER: Work on providing roof to the bus terminus at Madhavaram is expected to be over in a few days

CHENNAI: The Madhavaram bus terminus will soon get a roof and other facilities, much to the relief of commuters who have had to endure the lack of amenities for about a decade now.

Officials at the Madhavaram Municipality said that nearly 90 per cent of the work to provide roofing and concrete flooring has been completed so far. Other amenities such as drinking water and a toilet would also be provided. The work, taken up at the cost of Rs.40 lakh under the MLA's local area development fund, would be completed in a few days, the officials said. The bus terminus on the Madhavaram –Red Hills High Road is used by nearly 1,000 commuters daily. Residents welcomed the initiative of the municipality. J. Ravi, a resident of Madhavaram said it is difficult particularly during summer to wait for the bus.

"We have no choice than to wait under the shade of few trees inside the terminus," he said.

Only a few bus routes such as 170 A (Madhavaram -Vandalur zoo), 38 H (Madhavaram-Broadway) and 48 A (Ambattur –Madhavaram) are operated. Besides increasing the services in existing routes, more buses to areas such as Purasawalkam, Egmore, Koyambedu, Central railway station and Anna Salai must be introduced, he said. Residents also want a bus route, 38 F, between Madhavaram and Mylapore, to be re-introduced.

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