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## **Pudukottai Municipality seeks upgrade of bus stand**

The municipality has sent a proposal for upgrading the New Bus Stand from the present 'B' grade into 'A' grade status for providing more amenities to the travelling public. The proposal comes in the wake of the renovation of the bus stand carried out at an expenditure of Rs. 1.17 crore last year.

A team of officials from the Transport Department and Pudukottai Municipality inspected the New Bus Stand on Thursday and ascertained the amenities available there, for ensuring the eligibility for upgrading process.

R. Rajasekar, Municipal Chairman, said the new bus stand had been renovated for providing more amenities to upgrade the bus stand into 'A' grade status.

All the encroachments had been cleared. Construction of new 'pay and use toilet' blocks, more spacious waiting halls for men and women besides provision of public address system

for the arrival and departure of buses were the other new facilities.

The number of bus bays had been increased from the previous 49 to 52.

J. Subramanian, Municipal Commissioner (in-charge), said the upgrading would fetch additional revenue to the municipality.

Adequate arrangement had been made for parking of vehicles. The area of the bus stand had been increased to five acres following acquisition of land from the adjoining Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation depot.

N. Balagurunathan, Regional Transport Officer, verified the facilities provided at the bus stand.

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