

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2178
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

LAKHMINIA RAILWAY STATION

2178. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual revenue generated by Lakhminia railway station (Sonpur Division) in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20;

(b) whether it is a fact that revenue generated by this station is higher than other neighbouring stations particularly in view of lesser number of trains stopping there;

(c) how many trains stop at Lakhminia station;

(d) whether it is also a fact that despite many passengers travelling and revenue received from Lakhminia there are very poor facilities at the station;

(e) whether Government will take steps to increase facilities including opening of railway reservation counter for 8 hours; and

(f) whether Government reassess the station's grade?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2178 BY SHRI RAKESH SINHA ANSWERED IN RAJAY SABHA ON 06.08.2021 REGARDING LAKHMINIA RAILWAY STATION

(a): Annual revenue generated by Lakhminia Railway station (Sonpur Division) in the year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 is as under:

(₹ in crore)

| Head | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue | 3.44 | 3.49 | 3.40 | 3.25 |

(b): Yes, Sir. Revenue generated by this station is higher than other neighbouring station i.e. Danauri Phulwaria and Sahapur Kamal and details are as under:

(₹ in crore)

| Head | Danauri Phulwaria | | | | Sahebpur Kamal | | | |
|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| Revenue | 0.18 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 1.03 | 0.90 | 1.03 | 0.96 |

(c): With a view to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways have discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f 23.03.2020 and presently only special trains, with limited stoppages, taking into consideration suggestions and concerns of State Governments are being operated. Lakhminia station is presently being catered by 20 special train services.

(d) to (f): Lakhminia station is a Non-Suburban Grade-5(NSG-5) category station. As per norms, Minimum Essential Amenities like waiting hall, shelter, seats, toilets, Foot Over Bridge (FOB) etc. have been provided at this station. However, upgradation/modernization of Railway Stations is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se priority, subject to availability of funds.

At present computerized Unreserved Tickets System (UTS) cum Passenger Reservation System(PRS) facility has been provided at Lakhminia Station. An analysis of reservation related transactions being handled at this station has revealed that on an average 56 reservation related transactions are being handled at this station, which is lower than the existing yardstick of 180 transactions per counter per shift to justify opening of additional

reservation counters at any location. As such the existing facilities are adequate to cater to the present level of passenger traffic.

The categorization of stations is done once in five years. The present category of stations has been reviewed in 2017-18 based on annual passenger revenue (reserved and unreserved) and number of outward passengers handled at the station for the year 2016-17.
