

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1248
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022

REDEVELOPMENT OF DARJEELING AND NEW JALPAIGURI STATIONS

1248. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NITI Aayog has recommended redevelopment of Heritage Darjeeling station and New Jalpaiguri station of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details of stations identified for redevelopment, in the State of West Bengal;
- (c) whether any blueprint has been prepared for redevelopment of identified stations in West Bengal, the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1248 BY SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 16.12.2022 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT OF DARJEELING AND NEW JALPAIGURI STATIONS

(a) to (d): NITI Aayog has not recommended redevelopment of Darjeeling and New Jalpaiguri stations. Ministry of Railways is undertaking techno-economic feasibility studies for redevelopment of Stations and based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment in phases, especially the stations located in major cities and important tourist destination. New Jalpaiguri Railway Station has been identified for redevelopment under the scheme of 'Major Upgradation' of Railway Stations on Indian Railways and the project has already been sanctioned and tender has been awarded. In addition to this, Asansol Railway Station has also been identified for redevelopment under this scheme in the State of West Bengal.
