

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 183
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

AMRIT BHARAT SCHEME

*183. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) in what manner Government is deciding the 1000 railway stations to be benefited under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme;
- (b) the technology to be used to improve the drainage facilities at railway platforms;
- (c) in what manner Government is planning to make all the changes under this scheme in an environment friendly way;
- (d) the budget allocation for the entire scheme and division of the budget for every station under it; and
- (e) whether Government plans to implement this scheme through a Public Private Partnership (PPP), the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.183 BY DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.03.2023 REGARDING AMRIT BHARAT SCHEME

(a) to (e) The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has recently been launched for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

1275 stations have been selected based on the proposals received from Zonal Railways, stations located in major cities and towns.

The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme envisages provision of self cleaning drains and provision of cross drains and sump and pump arrangements wherever adequate slopes are not available.

The scheme envisages gradual shift to sustainable and environment friendly solutions as per availability of funds and conditions of existing assets.

Station development related works are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 'Customer Amenities' The details of allocation for development and maintenance of stations including Amrit Bharat Station Scheme are maintained Zonal Railway wise and not Station wise or state wise. Zone-wise details of funds allocated under Budgetary Sources under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', over Indian Railways during current year 2022-23 is as under.:-

(₹ in crore)

Zonal Railway	2022-23
	Allocation
Central	234.38
Eastern	173.98
East Central	162.39
East Coast	109.53
Northern	235.37
North Central	147.57
North Eastern	187.23
Northeast Frontier	96.11
North Western	115.79
Southern	327.78
South Central	135.15
South Eastern	176.53
South East Central	60.90
South Western	137.94
Western	311.62
West Central	77.32
Metro	10.39
TOTAL	2700.00

Budgetary funds are being used for developing stations under Amrit Bharat Station scheme. However, a miniscule number of stations are also being explored for development under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.
