## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2066 ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

### DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

#### 2066. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada Railway Stations for conducting techno-economic feasibility studies for taking up development of these two railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has allocated funds for the development of Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada Railway Stations; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the time frame by which these two stations will be redeveloped?

# 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.

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# **STATEMENT** REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2066BY SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.03.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

(a) to (d): Techno-economic feasibility studies for Vishakhapatnam and Vijayawada railway stations have been conducted. Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Contract for redevelopment of Visakhapatnam station has been awarded and the work has started. The preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Vijayawada station has been initiated.

Station Development works are generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of fund allocation under PH-53 are maintained Zonal Railway wise and not workwise or station-wise. Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada railway station come under the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway and South Central Railway respectively. The fund allocated to these RailwayZones under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', for the current year (2022-23) are ₹ 109.53 Crores and ₹ 135.15 Crores respectively.

Development/redevelopment of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers and trains and requires various statutory clearances from urban/local bodies etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated.

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