

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.176
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023

DEVELOPMENT OF SHALIMAR RAILWAY STATION

*176. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of trains and passengers at Howrah station per day;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Howrah railway station is the busiest single terminus in the country and what is its international rank;
- (c) the volume of traffic that can be decongested by developing Shalimar Railway station as a satellite station to Howrah railway station;
- (d) the total project cost for Shalimar railway station as a major railhead and by when will the project be completed; and
- (e) the infrastructure work that has already been completed and that is under implementation?

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. 176 BY SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.08.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SHALIMAR RAILWAY STATION.

(a) to (e) Howrah station is one of the busiest stations in the country and it deals with 637 train services including Mail/Express, Passengers and Suburban services. During the financial year 2022-23, Howrah station witnessed average daily footfall of over 06 Lakh passengers. To decongest Howrah station, 13 pairs of train services have already been shifted to Shalimar station.

Infrastructure development work of Shalimar Coaching Terminal has been taken up. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹683 crore. So far, the following have been completed: Station building, one subway, Administration Building for Pit lines, Main Electric Sub-Station building along with modification of Pit line substation, Chief Yard Master, office Building, four Pit lines, four stabling lines, New Platform number 1 and concrete road of approximately 1.1 Km. The work taken up for further development includes Foot Over Bridge, Road Over Bridge, two Subways, Circulating and Parking area, New Island Platform No. 4 & 5, Water Treatment plant and Yard remodeling.

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc.
