

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 23
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023

UPGRADATION OF EXISTING STATIONS TO SMART STATIONS

*23.SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to upgrade the existing railway stations throughout the country to provide airport like facilities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of railway stations identified to be upgraded as smart stations in the country, particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized to upgrade all such stations in the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether Government has set up any target for the said redevelopment works; and
- (e) if so, 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.23 BY SHRI TIRUCHI SIVAANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.07.2023 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF EXISTING STATIONS TO SMART STATIONS

(a) to (e): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. The scheme 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 WiFi, 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 such 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 ballast less tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far, 1309 railway stations have been identified under this scheme including 75 number of stations in the State of Tamil Nadu. The number of identified stations State-wise is appended.

The details of allocation of funds and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or Station-wise. The details of funds allocated and expenditure by Indian Railway for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', for the last three years is as under:-

(₹in Cr.)

Zonal Railway	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure (till March, 2023)
Central	288.78	275.85	207.56	152.94	187.95	137.18
Eastern	182.14	158.96	151.16	145.20	168.90	115.96
East Central	166.87	165.46	166.83	146.42	253.85	184.70
East Coast	103.16	87.16	89.03	66.98	214.43	82.67
Northern	268.37	247.25	217.71	221.68	547.18	390.57
North Central	182.94	163.41	134.81	118.72	233.72	131.22
North Eastern	100.18	103.90	121.20	95.33	129.65	108.10
Northeast Frontier	106.12	104.07	99.34	90.03	148.07	90.30
North Western	159.59	126.39	67.51	51.39	240.88	111.46
Southern	213.11	204.71	218.22	154.34	430.90	147.21
South Central	199.37	219.79	191.56	154.56	330.42	146.54
South Eastern	109.89	118.22	140.16	111.61	168.32	145.26
South East Central	107.14	118.76	67.15	65.18	66.01	50.95
South Western	114.8	115.13	135.34	112.13	158.36	81.32
Western	252.01	318.04	261.00	255.77	418.31	179.43
West Central	50.95	46.08	66.00	49.93	113.92	51.43
Metro	9.88	9.74	9.97	3.57	13.36	5.08
TOTAL	2615.3	2582.92	2344.55	1995.75	3824.23	2159.38

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 at this stage.

APPENDIXREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.23
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(a) to (e):

<u>S.No</u>	State	No. of Stations
1	Andhra Pradesh	72
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3	Assam	50
4	Bihar	92
5	Chattisgarh	32
6	Delhi	13
7	Goa	3
8	Gujarat	87
9	Haryana	34
10	Himachal Pradesh	4
11	Jharkhand	57
12	Karnataka	56
13	Kerala	35
14	Madhya Pradesh	80
15	Maharashtra	126
16	Manipur	1
17	Meghalaya	1
18	Mizoram	1
19	Nagaland	1
20	Odisha	57
21	Punjab	30
22	Rajasthan	83
23	Sikkim	1
24	Tamil Nadu	75
25	Telangana	40
26	Tripura	4
27	UT of Chandigarh	1
28	UT of Jammu &kashmir	4
29	UT of Puducherry	3
30	Uttar Pradesh	156
31	Uttarakhand	11
32	West Bengal	98
Total		1309
