

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 99
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023

DEVELOPMENT OF MEERUT CITY RAILWAY STATION AS A MODEL STATION

99 # **DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to develop various railway stations in the country as model stations;
- (b) the details of work proposed to be executed under this scheme; and
- (c) whether Meerut City Railway Station is included in the aforesaid scheme, if so, by when would the aforesaid work commence and be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 99 BY DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 28.07.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF MEERUT CITY RAILWAY STATION AS A MODEL STATION

(a) to (c) Model Station Scheme was in vogue from 1999 to 2008 and this scheme has since been completed. Ministry of Railways has recently launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. So far 1309 Railway Stations including Meerut City Railway station have been identified for development under this scheme. 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 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 centre at the station in the long term.

Development/redevelopment/upgradation 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 lines can be given.
