

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2676
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

REBUILDING RAILWAY STATIONS IN UTTARAKHAND

2676 SHRI NARESH BANSAL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in rebuilt project in Dehradun and other railway stations of Uttarakhand, details thereof, place-wise and station-wise;
- (b) amount sanctioned and spent till date on these projects; and
- (c) time frame by when these works will be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2676 BY SHRI NARESH BANSAL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING REBUILDING RAILWAY STATIONS IN UTTARAKHAND.

(a) to (c): 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 number of Stations have been identified for development under this scheme across the country. 11 stations viz: Dehradun, Haridwar Jn., Harrawala, Kashipur, Kathgodam, Kichha, Kotdwar, Lalkuan Jn., Ramnagar, Roorkee and Tanakpur in the state of Uttarakhand have been identified under this scheme for development.

The allocation and expenditure for station development projects are carried out under Plan Head – 53 'Customer Amenities' and maintained zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise or Station-wise. The details of expenditure under PH-53 for the past three years viz.2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and allocation and expenditure for the current year (till June, 2023) for Northern Railway in which Dehradun and other stations of Uttarakhand fall are as under:-

Railway	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	
	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure	Allo-cation	Expend-iture(till June, 2023)
Northern	247.25	221.68	390.57	2799.53	88.88

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.