

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2682
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN PUNJAB

2682. SHRI SANJEEV ARORA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the timeline for the upgradation of Ludhiana and Jalandhar railway stations; and
- (b) whether Railway is also planning to add more cities of Punjab especially, Amritsar railway station for upgradation because of its historical, cultural and religious importance?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2682 BY SHRI SANJEEV ARORA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN PUNJAB

(a) & (b): 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. 30 stations in the State of Punjab as appended have been identified under this scheme. As seen above, Ludhiana and Jalandhar Railway stations have been identified in the scheme. Amritsar Railway Station has also been included because of its historical, cultural and religious importance.

Further, modernization/upgradation of Railway stations is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement subject to inter-se priority of works, volume of passenger traffic and availability of funds.

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.

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State	No. of stations	Name of Stations
Punjab	30	Abohar, Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib, Beas, Bhatinda Jn, Dhandari Kalan, Dhuri, Fazilka, Firozpur Cantt, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar City, Kapurthala, Kotkapura, Ludhiana, Malerkotla, Mansa, Moga, Muktsar, Nangal Dam, Pathankot Cantt., Pathankot City, Patiala, Phagwara, Phillaur, Rup Nagar, Sangrur, SASN Mohali, Sirhind
