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MODERNIZATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

290 SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway stations modernized in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number of railway stations targeted for modernization in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the targets set for modernization of railway stations where work in progress?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(a) Upgradation/ modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation / modernization of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work. During the last three years and in the current year 2023-24, 352 stations on Indian Railways have been modernized/beautified by providing various passenger amenities.

(b) Recently, the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been launched for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. 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 centres at the station in the long term.

Presently, the scheme envisages to take-up 1309 stations over Indian Railways including 156 stations in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) 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 targets have been set.
