GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1387
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024

RAILWAY STATION PLATFORM WORKS IN SWR

1387 SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway Station Platform related works in South Western Railway (SWR) which are planned, in progress and commissioning target, for the current year, divisionwise, section-wise; and

(b) the construction of new platforms, digital clocks with GPS sync, coach Guidance Display Boards, coaches Summary Display Boards, public announcement system, CCTV deployment, Wi-Fi, escalator, drinking water facilities and washroom facilities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1387 BY SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.08.2024 REGARDING RAILWAY STATION PLATFORM WORKS IN SWR

(a) and (b) Upgradation/modernisation 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.

Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' 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, platform surfacing and cover over platform, 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 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 ballastless tracks etc., as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far 1324 Railway Stations have been identified under this scheme including 56 numbers of stations in South Western Railway. List of stations in South Western Railway is as below:

Zone	Names of stations
SWR (56)	Almatti, Alnavar, Arsikere Junction, Badami, Bagalkot, Ballary, Bangalore Cantt., Bangarpet, Bantawala, Belagavi, Bijapur, Chamaraja Nagar, Channapatna, Channasandra, Chikkamagaluru, Chikodi Road, Chitradurga, Davangere, Dharmapuri, Dharwad, Dodballapur, Gadag, Gangavathi, Ghataprabha, Gokak Road, Harihar, Hassan, Hindupur, Hosapete, Hosur, Kengeri, Koppal, Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (Bengaluru Station), Krishnarajapuram, Kuppam, Malleswaram, Malur, Mandya, Munirabad, Mysuru Jn (Mysore), Raibag, Ramanagaram, Ranibennur, Sagar Jambagaru, Sakleshpur, Sanvordem, Satya Sai Prashanti Nilayan, Shivamogga Town, Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Hubballi Jn, Subramanya Road, Talguppa, Tiptur, Tumakuru, Vasco-da-gama, Whitefield, Yesvantpur

However, Development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, air-port clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

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