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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1396
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024

**IMPLEMENTATION OF AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME (ABSS) IN
ODISHA**

1396 SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for choosing the selected stations for phase one of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS);
- (b) the details of fund allocation under this scheme, State-wise, including Odisha;
- (c) measures taken to improve accessibility of railway infrastructure for persons with disability; and
- (d) the details of the measures taken towards making the railway infrastructure sustainable?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1396 BY SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.08.2024 REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME (ABSS) IN ODISHA

(a) to (d) 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 stations have been selected under this scheme based on proposals received from Zonal Railways, stations located in major cities and towns. Out of 1324 stations, 59 stations in the State of Odisha have been identified for development under the scheme. The list of stations identified for development under this scheme in the State of Odisha is as below:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Odisha	59	Angul, Badampahar, Balangir, Balasore, Balugaon, Barbil, Bargarh Road, Baripada, Barpali, Belpahar, Betnoti, Bhadrak, Bhawanipatna, Bhubaneswar, Bimlagarh, Brahmapur, Brajrajnagar, Chatrapur, Cuttack, Damanjodi, Dhenkanal, Gunupur, Harishanker Road, Himgir, Hirkud, Jajpur-Keonjhar road, Jaleswar, Jaroli, Jeypore, Jharsuguda, Jharsuguda Road, Kantabanji, Kendujhargarh, Kesinga, Khariar Road, Khurda road, Koraput, Lingaraj Temple Road, Mancheswar, Meramandali, Muniguda, New Bhubaneswar, Panposh, Paradeep, Parlakhemundi, Puri, Raghunathpur, Rairakhola, Rairangpur, Rajgangpur, Rayagada, Rourkela, Sakhi Gopal, Sambalpur, Sambalpur city, soro, Talcher, Talcher Road, Titlagarh Jn.

The details of allocation for development and maintenance of stations including for Amrit Bharat Station Scheme are maintained Zonal Railway-wise under Plan Head-53

‘Customer Amenities’ and not station-wise or State-wise. Total fund allocated under Plan Head-53 to Zonal Railways for the current Financial Year i.e. in 2024-25, is ₹15510.75 crores. There are 03 zones, namely, East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway, which cater to the State of Odisha. During the current Financial Year a total amount of ₹1470.72 cr has been allocated to the said 03 zones.

Indian Railways is committed to make its railway stations accessible for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) as part of “Sugamya Bharat Mission” or ‘Accessible India Campaign’ of Government of India. The guidelines for accessibility of Indian Railways stations have been notified in the official Gazette of India. These guidelines include provisions of Divyangjan related facilities such as entrance ramps, accessible parking, low height ticket counter/help booths, toilets, drinking water booth, subways/foot over bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for visual impairment etc.

Improvement/augmentation of amenities at Railway stations, including those for Divyangjan is a continuous process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation/development/redevelopment of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.
