GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1391 ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024

CONSTRUCTION WORK AT UDAIPUR CITY RAILWAY STATION

1391 # SHRI CHUNNILAL GARASIYA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing construction work at Udaipur city Railway Station;
- (b) whether Government has provided any funds for the said construction work, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the income and expenditure of the funds allocated as per the work in the financial year 2023-24, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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 1391 BY SHRI CHUNNILAL GARASIYA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 06.12.2024 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION WORK AT UDAIPUR CITY RAILWAY STATION.

(a) to (c) :Ministry of Railways has identified Udaipur City Station as one the of the stations for redevelopment under 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for a total cost of approx ₹354 Cr. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach.

This 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 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, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 stations including Udaipur City Railway Station falling in the State of Rajasthan has been identified for redevelopment under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

At Udaipur City Railway Station, the tenders have been awarded and the work for redevelopment of Udaipur City Railway station have been taken up. The structural work of the East side station building has been completed and finishing work taken up. On the West side, the structural work of the basement has been completed. Further the structural work of the West side station building, the works for provision of Concourse and through roof etc. have been taken up.

The allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not Work-wise or Station-wise, generally under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. As Udaipur City railway station falls under the jurisdiction ofNorth Western Railway (NWR), the allocation under Plan Head-53 for North Western Railway for the financial year 2024-25 is ₹ 748.21 Crores. The expenditure incurred by North Western Railway under Plan Head-53 during the financial year 2023-24 was Rs. 579.94 Crores (provisional).

Further, development/redevelopment of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport 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, 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.
