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RENOVATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS UNDER ABSS IN ODISHA

2193. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of railway stations have been renovated and upgraded under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS);
- (b) the details of Railway station renovation work started and completed under ABSS in Odisha;
- (c) the details of funds allotted and released during last three years for the State of Odisha; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that ABSS has shown a positive impact on tourism in the State of Odisha?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(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 centre at the station in the long term. Development / upgradation of railway stations has a positive impact on tourism in the surrounding areas.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 59 stations are located in the State of Odisha. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Odisha are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names 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, Hirakud, 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, Rairakhhol, Rairangpur, Rajgangpur, Rayagada, Rourkela, Sakhi Gopal, Sambalpur, Sambalpur City, Soro, Talcher, Talcher Road, Titlagarh Jn.

Out of 59 Amrit stations located in the state of Odisha, tenders for development works have been awarded for 50 stations and works have been taken up. The projects have exhibited good pace of execution. For example,

- At Bhubaneswar station, structural works of both sides side station buildings have been completed, air concourse girders have been launched and works of promenade construction, roofing of air concourse, etc. have been taken up.
- At Puri station, structural works of the front station building up to terrace level (Phase-I) have been completed and structural works of the rear station building (Phase-II) have been taken up.
- At Cuttack station, structural works of main station building have been completed and works of air concourse, Foot Over Bridge, etc. have been taken up.
- At Paralakhemundi, Mancheswar and Talcher Road stations, structural works of station buildings have been completed.
- At Baripada station, works of construction of new station building, Foot Over Bridge, additional platform shelters, improvement of circulating area, platform surfacing, etc. have been taken up.
- At Sambalpur City station, works of construction of 12 m wide Foot Over Bridge, extension & renovation of existing station building, new toilet block, improvement of platform surfacing, circulating area, waiting hall, etc. have been taken up.
- At Baripali station, works of additional platform shelter and parking area development have been completed and works of construction of new station building, new waiting hall, toilet block, 12 m wide Foot Over Bridge, improvement of platform surfacing, etc. have been taken up.
- At Bimalgarh Jn station, works of improvement of existing station building, circulating area, parking area, approach road, boundary wall, platform surfacing, construction of new running room, additional platform shelter, etc. have been taken up.
- At Jaroli station, works of construction of new booking office with waiting hall, improvement of circulating area, approach road, development of Goods Shed yard, etc. have been taken up.

Further, 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 brownfield 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 tracks and high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

Development / upgradation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or Station-wise or State-wise. The State of Odisha is covered by three zones viz. East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway. During the last three financial years and in the current financial year, allocation of Rs 3,421 Crores has been made under Plan Head-53 for these zones.
