

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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BUDGET FOR AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME

2194. SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present status of upgradation work undertaken under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS), State-wise;

(b) the details of the total amount of funds sanctioned by Government for the upgradation of stations under the said scheme for the State of Chhattisgarh and Bihar during the last two financial years and the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the total amount of funds released and utilised for the development and upgradation of railway stations in the State of Chhattisgarh and Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) 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.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified under this scheme, out of which 32 stations are located in the state of Chhattisgarh and 98 stations are located in the state of Bihar. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the states of Chhattisgarh and Bihar are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Stations
Chattisgarh	32	Akaltara, Ambikapur, Baikunthpur Road, Balod, Baradwar, Belha, Bhanupratappur, Bhatapara, Bhilai, Bhilai Nagar, Bhilai Power House, Bilaspur, Champa, Dallirajhara, Dongargarh, Durg, Hathbandh, Jagdalpur, Janjgir Naila, Korba, Mahasamund, Mandir Hasaud, Marauda, Nipania, Pendra Road, Raigarh, Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Sarona, Tilda-Neora, Urkura, Uslapur
Bihar	98	Anugraha Narayan Road, Ara, Arariya Court, Bakhtiyarpur, Banka, Banmankhi, Bapudham Motihari, Barahiya, Barauni, Barh, Barsoi Jn, Begusarai, Bettiah, Bhabua Road, Bhagalpur, Bhagwanpur, Bihar Sharif, Bihiya, Bikramganj, Buxar, Chakia, Chausa, Chhapra, Dalsingh Sarai, Darbhanga, Dauram Madhepura, Dehri On Sone, Dholi, Dighwara, Dumraon, Durgauti, Ekma, Fatuha, Gaya, Ghorasahan, Guraru, Hajipur

		Jn, Jamalpur, Jamui, Janakpur Road, Jaynagar, Jehanabad, Jhanjharpur, Kahalgaon, Karhagola Road, Katihar, Khagaria Jn, Kishanganj, Kudra, Labha, Laheria Sarai, Luckeesarai, Lakhminia, Madhubani, Maheshkhunt, Mairwa, Mansi Jn, Mashrakh, Mokama, Motipur, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Nabinagar Road, Narkatiaganj, Naugachia, Nawadah, Paharpur, Patliputra, Patna, Piro, Pirpanti, Rafiganj, Raghunathpur, Rajendra Nagar, Rajgir, Ram Dayalu Nagar, Raxaul, Sabaur, Sagauli, Saharsa, Sahibpur Kamal, Sakri, Salauna, Salmari, Samastipur, Sasaram, Shahpur Patoree, Shivanarayanpur, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Simultala, Sitamarhi, Siwan, Sonpur Jn., Sultanganj, Supaul, Taregna, Thakurganj, Thawe
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Tenders for development works have been awarded for all 32 Amrit stations located in the state of Chhattisgarh and out of 98 Amrit stations located in the state of Bihar, tenders have been awarded for 86 stations and works have been taken up. The projects have exhibited good pace of execution. For example,

- At Gaya station, structural works of West side departure and arrival building, East side departure building, East side pilgrimage building and multi-level two-wheeler parking have been completed and works of construction of concourse, new platform shelters, etc. have been taken up.
- At Muzaffarpur station, structural works of new Combined Terminal Building, South side arrival block building, booking counters, office buildings have been completed and works of construction of new Foot Over Bridge, departure block, elevated roads, etc. have been taken up.
- At Saharsa station, structural works of new station building including new waiting hall and toilet block, improvement of parking area and entrance gate have been completed and works of construction of new 12 m wide Foot Over Bridge, boundary wall, new platform shelters, electrical works of building, etc. have been taken up.
- At Salauna station, structural works of new station building, circulating area, parking area, road work and raising of platform no. 2 have been completed and works of construction of new 12 m Foot Over Bridge, raising of platform no. 1, 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 Chhattisgarh is covered by two zones viz. East Coast Railway and South East Central Railway. During the last two financial years and in the current financial year, allocation of Rs 2,064 Crores has been made for these zones. Expenditure of Rs 1,071 Crores has been incurred during last two financial years and in the current financial year i.e. 2024-25 (up to October, 2024) for these zones.

The state of Bihar is covered by four zones viz. Eastern Railway, East Central Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway. During the last two financial years and in the current financial year, allocation of Rs 4,288 Crores has been made for these zones. Expenditure of Rs 2,948 Crores has been incurred during last two financial years and in the current financial year i.e. 2024-25 (up to October, 2024) for these zones.
