

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2980**  
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**MASTER PLAN UNDER ABSS**

2980 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Master Plan has been prepared under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the railway stations in Himachal Pradesh which have been included under the Master Plan?

**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 Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 4 stations are located in the state of Himachal Pradesh. The names of stations identified for development under this scheme in the state of Himachal Pradesh are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Himachal Pradesh	4	Amb Andaura, Baijnath Paprola, Palampur, Shimla

Tenders for development works have been awarded and works have been taken up for 2 Amrit stations viz. Amb Andaura and Baijnath Paprola. At Amb Andaura station, works of improvement of station building, waiting hall, toilet blocks, platform shelter, entrance porch, entry-exit gates, circulating area and parking area have been completed and work of construction of Foot Over Bridge has been taken up. At Baijnath Paprola station, works of improvement of station building, waiting hall, platform surfacing, entrance porch, circulating area, parking area, entry-exit gates, etc. have been taken up.

Upgradation/development/redevelopment of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing 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 works.

Development / upgradation of railway 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 Himachal Pradesh is covered by Northern Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for this zone under Plan Head-53 is Rs 3,448 Crores.

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