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REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has implemented the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) for redevelopment of railway stations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the criteria set for redevelopment of railway stations under the ABSS along with the facilities likely to be provided;
- (c) the names of railway stations redeveloped recently, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Maharashtra;
- (d) the names of stations selected for redevelopment under this scheme in the country, particularly in Maharashtra; and
- (e) the details of budgetary allocation made and expenditure incurred for redevelopment of railway stations, State and station-wise?

ANSWER

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

Stations are selected under this scheme based on the proposals received from Zonal Railways, stations located in major cities and places of tourist and pilgrimage importance. So far, 1337 stations have been identified under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 132 stations are located in the state of Maharashtra. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Maharashtra are as following:

| State | No. of Amrit Stations | Names of Amrit Stations |
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| Maharashtra | 132 | Ahmednagar, Ajni (Nagpur), Akalkot Road, Akola, Akurdi, Amalner, Amgaon, Amravati, Andheri, Aurangabad, Badnera, Balharshah, Bandra Terminus, Baramati, Belapur, Bhandara Road, Bhokar, Bhusawal, Borivali, Byculla, Chalisgaon, Chanda Fort, Chandrapur, Charni Road, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Chinchpokli, Chinchwad, Dadar (DDR), Dadar (DR), Dahisar, Daund, Dehu Road, Devlali, Dhamangaon, Dharangaon, Dharmabad, Dhule, Diva, Dudhani, Gangakher, Godhani, Gondia, Grant Road, Hadapsar, Hatkanangale, Hazur Sahib Nanded, Himayatnagar, Hinganghat, Hingoli Deccan, Igatpuri, Itwari, Jalgaon, Jalna, Jeur, Jogeshwari, Kalyan, Kamptee, Kandivali, Kanjur Marg, Karad, Katol, Kedgaon, Kinwat, Kolhapur, |

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| | | Kopargaon, Kurduwadi, Kurla, Lasalgaon, Latur, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Lonand, Lonavla, Lower Parel, Malad, Malkapur, Manmad, Manwath Road, Marine Lines, Matunga, Miraj, Mudkhed, Mumbai Central, Mumbra, Murtajapur, Nagarsol, Nagpur, Nandgaon, Nandura, Nandurbar, Narkher, Nasik Road, Osmanabad, Pachora, Palghar, Pandharpur, Panvel, Parbhani, Parel, Parli Vajjnath, Partur, Phaltan Prabhadevi, Pulgaon, Pune Jn, Purna, Raver, Rotegaon, Sainagar Shirdi, Sandhurst Road, Sangli, Satara, Savda, Selu, Sewagram, Shahad, Shegaon, Shivaji Nagar Pune, Solapur, Talegaon, Thakurli, Thane, Titvala, Tumsar Road, Umri, Uruli, Vadala Road, Vidyavihar, Vikhroli, Wadsa, Wardha, Washim, Wathar |
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Tenders for development works have been awarded and works have been taken up for 107 Amrit stations located in the state of Maharashtra. The projects have exhibited good pace of execution. For example,

- At Nagpur station, structural works of East side departure and arrival building have been completed and works of construction of air concourse, administrative building on West side, new Foot Over Bridge, etc. have been taken up.
- At Matunga station, works of improvement of station building including architectural improvement, booking office, platform surfacing, platform shelter, toilet block, etc. have been completed.
- At Shahad station, works of improvement of booking office, construction of entrance gate, new toilet block, improvement of platform surfacing, platform shelter, parking area, landscaping, etc. have been completed.
- At Devlali station, works of construction of entrance gate, entrance porch, boundary wall, new platform shelter, improvement of circulating area, parking area, toilets, provision of lifts, standard signages, improved lighting, etc. have been completed.
- At Savda station, works of improvement of circulating area, parking area, toilets, station lighting, construction of entrance gate, porch, boundary wall, architectural improvement of station building, provision of standard signages, etc. have been completed.

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.

Upgradation / development / modernization 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 Maharashtra is covered by four zones viz. Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway and Western Railway. The allocation for these zones under Plan Head-53 for the financial year 2024-25 is Rs 4,406 crores and an expenditure of Rs 2,133 Crores has been incurred upto November, 2024.
