

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**REDUCTION IN BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR PASSENGER AMENITIES AND
DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR**

2507. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impact of reduced budgetary allocations for customer amenities, which have declined from ₹15,510 crore in FY 2024-25 to ₹12,118.39 crore in FY 2025-26, on passenger convenience and service, if so, the key findings thereof; and
- (b) the reasons for the significant reduction in the allocation to the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Corporation of India from ₹5,499 crore in FY 2024-25 to ₹500 crore in Financial Year 2025-26, and the manner in which this will affect freight transportation efficiency?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) Indian Railways is committed to provide enhanced and modern amenities to passengers. During the recent years, maximum investments have been made by Ministry of Railways for upgradation of customer amenities, compared to any period in past. Expenditure under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities' during 2004-14 and 2014-25 is as under:-

Period	Expenditure under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'
2004-14	Rs 6,733 Crores
2014-25 (up to February, 2025)	Rs 33,143 Crores

Recently Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been launched under which 1337 railway stations have been identified so far for upgradation/development. Works under this scheme have been taken up at a very good pace. For example,

- At New Jalpaiguri station in the state of West Bengal, structural works of arrival building-1, second entry station building, RMS building and electric sub-station have been completed and works of construction of arrival building-2, air concourse, departure terminal, new platform, podium parking etc. have been taken up.
- At Gandhinagar Jaipur station in the state of Rajasthan, structural works of both sides station buildings have been completed, girders of air concourse have been launched and deck slab has been casted and works of through roof and platform shelters, etc. have been taken up.
- At Jaisalmer station in the state of Rajasthan, structural works of main station building have been completed, girder launching and deck slab casting of air concourse and foot over bridges have been completed and finishing works have been taken up.
- At Nagpur station in the state of Maharashtra, 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 Gaya station in the state of Bihar, 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 Bhilai station in the state of Chhattisgarh, works of improvement of waiting halls, concourse, platform surfacing, circulating area, parking area, approach road, construction of new entry gate, provision of amenities for Divyanagjan, extension of platform shelters, etc. have been completed.
- At Rameshwaram station in the state of Tamil Nadu, structural works of north side terminal building, electric sub-station and construction of parcel office have been completed and works of construction of east side terminal building, arrival forecourt,

platform improvement, etc. have been taken up.

Allocation of funds is a dynamic process and assessments for fund requirement are made continuously throughout the financial year depending on the stages of different projects. Funds are made available to the projects commensurate with the progress of works.

Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC):- (i) Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Sahnewal (Ludhiana) to Sonnagar (1337 Km), and (ii) Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Km).

Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) (1337 km) from Sahnewal (Ludhiana) to Sonnagar is fully commissioned. In Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC), out of 1506 km, 1404 km has been commissioned.

As most of the Dedicated Freight Corridor has been commissioned and only 102 km is under construction, the funds have been allocated accordingly during 2025-26.
