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DEVELOPMENT OF BHUBANESWAR RAILWAY STATION AS A WORLD-CLASS STATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plans to redevelop the Bhubaneswar Railway Station into a world-class station with modern amenities;
- (b) if so, the details of the project including the estimated cost, timelines, and funding sources;
- (c) whether the State Government of Odisha has provided any assistance or land for the proposed redevelopment; and
- (d) the current status of the redevelopment project and the timelines for its completion?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways has identified Bhubaneshwar Railway Station as one of the stations for redevelopment under 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' and the work has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹308 Cr.

The work for redevelopment of Bhubaneshwar Railway station has been taken up for execution at a very good pace.

- The structural work of main side station building G+4 floors has been completed.
- The foundations, column erection and girder launching works of air concourse have been completed. The roofing work of air concourse have been taken up.
- The structural work of second entry side station building G+2 floors has been completed.
- The works of elevated approach road and extension of foot over bridge have been taken up.
- The works related with mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection (MEPF) have been taken up.
- The work of platform refurbishment and sewage treatment plant have been taken up.

The station development work includes elevated approach road, which has been permitted on Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) land. The existing parking on main side of the station is in BDA land.

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. This scheme 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, 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 such 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 ballast less tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 Nos. of Stations have been identified under this scheme, out of which 59 stations including Bhubaneswar Railway station are located in the state of Odisha.

The list of station identified for development in the state of Odisha is as follows:

No.	State	Count	Name of Stations
1	Odisha	59	Angul, Badampahar, Balangir, Baleshwar, Balugaon, Barbil, Bargarh Road, Baripada, Barpali, Belpahar, Betnoti, Bhadrak, Bhawanipatna, Bhubaneswar, Bhubaneswar New, Bimlagarh, Brahmapur, Brajrajnagar, Chatrapur, Cuttack, Damanjodi, Dhenkanal, Gunupur, Harishanker Road, Himgir, Hirakud, JajpurKeonjhar Road, Jaleswar, Jaroli, Jeypore, Jharsuguda Jn, Jharsuguda Road, Kantabanji, Kendujhargarh, Kesinga, Khariar Road, Khurda Road Jn, Koraput Jn, Lingaraj Temple Road, Mancheswar, Meramandali, Muniguda, Panposh, Paradeep, Parlakhemundi, Puri, Raghunathpur, Rairakhol, Rairangpur, Rajgangpur, Rayagada, Rourkela, Sakhi Gopal, Sambalpur, Sambalpur city, Soro, Talcher, Talcher Road, Titlagarh Jn

Out of these 59 stations, the development works have been taken up on 51 stations.

The allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not Work-wise or Station-wise, generally under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. As Bhubaneswar railway station falls under the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway (ECoR), the allocation under Plan Head-53 for East Coast Railway for the financial year 2024-25 is ₹698 Crores (Revised Estimate).

Further, development/redevelopment of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field 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, restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.
