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INCLUSION OF PEN RAILWAY STATION IN ABBS

3282 # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to include Pen Railway Station in Amrit Bharat Station scheme (ABSS) as it is a gateway to Konkan region after Mumbai;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor including the non-inclusion of any railway station from Konkan region of Maharashtra in the said scheme; and
- (c) whether Government is formulating any alternative scheme for upgradation and development of modern facilities at Pen Railway Station, if so, the key features thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) At Pen railway station located in the state of Maharashtra, various works for provision / improvement of passenger amenities have been carried out in recent years which include works of construction of new passenger reservation system (PRS) building, improvement of circulating area, parking area, platform shelters, platform surfacing, etc. Further works for provision / upgradation of amenities at Pen station have been sanctioned

which include works of improvement of station building, service building, provision of additional platform shelters, construction of new foot over bridge, etc.

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, including stations located in nearby areas of Pen station, have been taken up at a good pace. The progress at some of these stations is as given below:

- At Diva station, works of construction of new entry gate, staircase of foot over bridge, additional platform shelters, raising of platforms and improvement of platform surfacing have been completed and works of improvement of circulating area, parking area, station building, construction of new service building, toilet block, sewage treatment plant, etc. have been taken up.
- At Akurdi station, work of provision of platform shelters has been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, canopy, waiting hall, toilet blocks, boundary wall, improvement of station building, circulating area, parking area, etc. have been taken up.
- At Chinchwad station, works of extension of booking office with provision of new toilet and relocating of RPF Thana from circulating area have been completed and works of improvement of station building, circulating area, parking area, platform shelters, provision of lifts, escalator, etc. have been taken up.
- At Talegaon station, works of construction of new entrance porch, reservation office, toilet block, ramp to existing foot over bridge, improvement of platform surfacing, waiting room and provision of additional platform shelters have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, water booths, improvement of station building, circulating area, parking area, provision of lifts, escalator, etc. have been taken up.
- At Lonavla station, works of improvement of platform surfacing, waiting hall, toilet block, booking office, platform shelters, entrance gate, circulating area, parking area, landscaping, etc. have been completed.

Further, development/upgradation/modernization 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 development/upgradation of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

Amrit Bharat Station 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 for development 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 this scheme in the state of Maharashtra are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
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, Kopergaon, 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, Nashik Road, Osmanabad, Pachora, Palghar, Pandharpur, Panvel, Parbhani, Parel, Parli Vajinath, 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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Development/upgradation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or station-wise or state-wise/region-wise. The state of Maharashtra is covered under four zones viz. Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway and Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of Rs 3,854 Crores (Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2024-25 under Plan Head-53.
