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MODERNISATION OF STATIONS UNDER ABBS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway stations to be modernised under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS), State-wise, with deadlines for each;
- (b) the progress made on the railway stations under the ABSS, State-wise;
- (c) the reason for delays in completing of projects under the ABSS;
- (d) the year-wise budgetary allocation, specifically for the subhead of ABSS under the Customer Amenities budget since the launch of the scheme; and
- (e) the budget utilisation, specifically for the subhead of ABSS under the Customer Amenities budget, year-wise, since the launch of the scheme?

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/upgradation of stations over Indian Railways. It envisages development of

stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

Amrit Bharat Station 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, 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. Tenders for development works have been awarded for 1202 Amrit stations and works have been taken up at a good pace. The progress at some of these stations is as given below:

- 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 Udaipur City station in the state of Rajasthan, structural works of east side station building have been completed and works of west side station building, air concourse, through roof, Foot Over Bridge, Skywalk, etc. 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 Devlali station in the state of Maharashtra, works of construction of entrance gate and porch, boundary wall, development of parking & circulating area, toilets,

provision of additional platform shelters, lift, improved furniture, horticulture works, amenities for Divyangjans, signages, improvement of platform surfacing and lighting arrangement have been completed.

- At Lasalgaon station in the state of Maharashtra, works of improvement of station building, circulating area, parking area, provision of additional platform shelters, construction of entrance gate, boundary wall, toilets and new booking office have been completed.

- At Bhubaneswar station in the state of Odisha, structural works of both sides side station buildings have been completed, air concourse girders have been launched and works of roofing of air concourse, elevated approach road, foot over bridge, etc. have been taken up.

- At Puri station in the state of Odisha, structural works of the front portion of the station building up to terrace level have been completed and structural works of the rear portion of the station building 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 Divyanagan, extension of platform shelters, etc. have been completed.

- 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 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.

- At Madurai station in the state of Tamil Nadu, structural works of east side multi-level two-wheeler parking and electric substation have been completed and works of east side terminal building, both sides multi-level car parking, air concourse, parcel Foot Over Bridge, subway, etc. have been taken up.

- At Saharanpur Jn station in the state of Uttar Pradesh, works of improvement of station building, waiting hall, executive lounge, toilets, circulating area, parking area, approach road, footpaths, landscaping, entrance porch, entry/exit gate, signages, provision of entrance ramp, etc. have been completed.
- At Ayodhya Dham station in the state of Uttar Pradesh, works of construction of station building, roof plaza, staff quarters, sewage treatment plant, electric substation, underground water tank, development of circulating area, parking area, approach roads, construction of entrance gates, toilet blocks, improvement of platform surfacing, etc. have been completed and commissioned.

Development/upgradation of stations 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/station-wise or scheme-wise. An allocation of Rs 12,994 Crores (Revised Estimate) has been made under Plan Head-53 for the current financial year and an expenditure of Rs 10,586 Crores has been incurred during the current financial year (up to February, 2025).

Development / 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, airport 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, it may be difficult to indicate specific time frame at this stage.
