

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3959**  
**ANSWERED ON 04.04.2025**

**EXPANSION AND UPGRADATION OF PLATFORM AT HOWRAH RAILWAY  
STATION**

3959 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of construction of Platform 24 at Howrah Railway Station, including its expected completion timeline and the anticipated impact on the station's operational capacity;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to construct Platform 25 at Howrah Railway Station, if so, the details of the project, including its planned timeline and expected benefits; and
- (c) whether the upgradation of Platforms 15 and 16 has been completed, if so, the manner in which these upgrades are expected to enhance train handling capacity, reduce congestion, and improve overall passenger convenience at the station?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (c): Recently upgradation of Platform No. 15 has been completed at Howrah Jn. Railway Station and upgradation of platform no. 16 & platform no. 24 has been taken up. Increase in length of platforms has facilitated handling of full length trains and improved train handling capacity and passenger convenience.

Further, Ministry of Railways has launched ‘Amrit Bharat Station Scheme’. So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under this scheme, out of which 101 stations including Howrah Jn. Railway Station are located in the state of West Bengal. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of West Bengal are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
West Bengal	101	Adra, Alipurduar Jn., Aluabari Road, Ambika kalna, Anara, Andal Jn., Andul, Asansol Jn., Azimganj, Bagnan, Bally, Balurghat, Bandel Jn., Bangaon Jn., Bankura, Barabhum, Barasat, Barddhaman, Barrackpore, Belda, Berhampore court, Bethuadahari, Bhaluka Road, Binnaguri, Bishnupur, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Burnpur, Canning, Chandan nagar, Chandpara, Chandrakona Road, Dalgaon, Dalkhola, Dankuni, Dhulian Ganga, Dhupguri, Digha, Dinhata, Dum Dum Jn., Falakata, Garbeta, Gede, Haldia, Haldibari, Harishchandrapur, Hasimara, Hijli, Howrah Jn, Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, Jangipur Road, Jhalida, Jhargram, JoychandiPahar Jn, Kaliyaganj, Kalyani, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kamakhyaguri, Katwa Jn, Khagraghat Road, Kharagpur Jn, Kolkata, Krishnanagar City Jn, Kumedpur Jn, Madhukunda, Madhyamgram, Malda Court, Malda Town, Mecheda, Medinipur (Midnapore), Nabadwip Dham, Naihati Jn, New Alipurduar, New Cooch Behar, New Farakka Jn, New Jalpaiguri Jn, New Mal Jn, Ondagram, Panagarh, Pandabeswar, Panskura Jn, Purulia Jn, Rampurhat Jn, Ranaghat, Sainthia Jn, Salboni, Samsi, Santragachi, Sealdah, Shalimar, Shantipur, Sheoraphuli Jn., Siliguri Jn., Sitarampur, Siuri, Sonarpur Jn., Suisa, Tamluk, Tarakeswar, Tulin, Uluberia

Out of these 101 stations, the development works have been taken up on 94 stations. The works at identified stations have been taken up with good pace. The progress at some of the above stations is as given below:

- At Asansol Railway Station, the excavation works for foundation on the new station building at north side has been completed. The works of foundation concrete casting at South side has been taken up. The relocation of existing

structures for Phase A & B has been completed. The utility shifting from the planned area of both terminal building and other structures has been completed.

- At New Jalpaiguri station, 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 Panagarh Railway station, the works of construction of new station building on second entry side, waiting hall, toilets, improvement of circulating area, parking area, platform surfacing, platform shelter, provision of lifts, signages, etc. have been completed.
- At Malda Town Railway station, the works of construction of new concourse, central command building, entrance porch, improvement of circulating area, parking area, waiting hall and provision of high mast light have been completed.

Preparation of Master plan for Howrah Junction Railway station has been taken up. Master planning and project preparation is an iterative process requiring optimization and the details and time frame of such optimization cannot be indicated at this stage.

‘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.

Further, Upgradation/modernization of amenities including platforms is a continuous and ongoing process depending upon operational feasibility, availability of resources, geographical and topographical conditions of area etc.

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