

AGOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3966**  
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**REVIVAL OF OLD RAILWAY STATIONS IN ASSAM**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any step has been taken for revival of the old stations in Assam;
- (b) if so, the current status of the same; and
- (c) if not, whether there is any plan in place to complete the project and timeline to complete the same?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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(a) to (c) Indian Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for development/upgradation of railway stations. So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 50 stations are located in the state of Assam. The names of stations identified for development under this scheme in the state of Assam are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Assam	50	Amguri, Arunachal, Chaparmukh, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Diphu, Duliajan, Fakiragram Jn, Gauripur, Gohpur, Golaghat, Gosai Gaon Halt, Guwahati, Haibargaon, Harmuti, Hojai, Jagiroad, Jorhat Town, Kamakhya, Kokrajhar, Lanka, Ledo, Lumding, Majbat, Makum Jn, Margherita, Mariani, Murkeongselek, Naharkatiya, Nalbari, Namrup, Narangi, New Bongaigaon, New Haflong, New Karimganj, New Tinsukia, North Lakhimpur, Pathsala, Rangapara North, Rangiya Jn, Sarupathar, Sibsagar Town, Silapathar, Silchar, Simaluguri, Tangla, Tinsukia, Udalguri, Viswanath Chariali

Tenders have been awarded for development works at 47 Amrit stations located in the state of Assam and works have been taken up at a good pace. The progress at some of these stations is as given below:

- At Haibargaon station, works of improvement of existing station building, parking area, approach road, entry gate, porch, boundary wall, drainage arrangement, canopy, provision of amenities for Divyangjans, baby feeding room, etc. have been completed.
- At Majbat station, works of extension of platforms, improvement of station building, waiting hall, entry porch, toilet blocks, platform surfacing, circulating area, parking area, approach road, drainage works, provision of additional platform shelters, coach guidance boards and train indication boards have been completed and works of provision of parcel pathways, landscaping, water booths for Divyangjans, etc. have been taken up.
- At Viswanath Chariali station, works of improvement of approach road, drainage works, entry porch, toilet blocks, provision of additional platform shelters, coach guidance boards and train indication boards have been completed and works of extension of platform, improvement of station building, waiting hall, circulating area, entry-exit gate, platform surfacing, landscaping, provision of water booths for Divyangjans, etc. have been taken up.
- At Gauripur station, structural works of station building and provision of additional platform shelters have been completed and works of construction of new foot over

bridge, finishing works of station building, improvement of circulating area, etc. have been taken up.

- At Rangapara North station, structural works of main station building and provision of additional platform shelters have been completed and works of construction of station building at second entry, new foot over bridge, finishing works of main station building, provision of lift, improvement of entry porch, waiting hall, toilets, platform surfacing, circulating area, parking area, approach road, landscaping, etc. have been taken up.
- At Fakiragram station, structural works of station building and provision of additional platform shelters have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, finishing works of station building, improvement of circulating area, etc. have been taken up.
- At Dhubri station, structural works of station building and construction of new platform have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, provision of additional platform shelters, improvement of circulating area, etc. have been taken up.

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.

Further, provision/upgradation of amenities and development 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. The priority for development/upgradation of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

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, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

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. The state of Assam is covered under Northeast Frontier Railway. The allocation (revised estimate) for the financial year 2024-25 for this zone under Plan Head-53 is Rs 547 Crores.

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