

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN ODISHA

1560. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that many railway stations have been renovated/ upgraded in Odisha under Amrit Bharat Yojana;
- (b) the details of Railway stations where renovation work started and completed under Amrit Bharat Yojana in Odisha;
- (c) the details of fund allotted and released during last three years for the State of Odisha; and
- (d) whether it is fact that Amrit Bharat Yojana has a positive impact on tourism in the State?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 59 stations are located in the state of Odisha. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Odisha are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
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, Jajpur Keonjhar 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.

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Odisha have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, phase-I works of 01 station (Cuttack) in the state of Odisha has been completed under this scheme. The works at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of above stations is as given below:

- At Bhubaneshwar station, the structural works of West and East side station building, air concourse and sewage treatment plant have been completed and the finishing works of West and East side station building, Foot Over Bridges, West and East side elevated road have been taken up.
- At Puri station, the structural works of new station building have been completed and the finishing work of station building, over head tank and station building dome have been taken up.
- At Cuttack station, the works of new second entry station building, structural work of new main entry station building and sewage treatment plant have been completed and the finishing works of new main entry building, Foot Over Bridge and air concourse have been taken up.

- At Balangir station, the works of improvement of parking area have been completed and the works of new station building, additional platform shelters, platform surfacing, improvement to circulating area and 12 Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- At Baripada station, the works of platform shelter and platform surfacing have been completed and the works of new station building, waiting hall, toilet and improvement of circulating area have been taken up.
- At Barpali station, the works of parcel room and improvement to parking area have been completed and the works of improvement of station building, additional platform shelters, improvement of waiting hall, improvement of circulating area and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- At Betnoti station, the works of platform shelter and platform surfacing have been completed and the works of new station building, waiting hall, signage and lighting have been taken up.
- At Jaleswar station, the works of new station building, waiting hall and toilet have been completed and the works of platform shelter, platform surfacing, improvement of circulating area, 12 m Foot Over Bridge, signage and lighting have been taken up.
- At Jeypore station, the works of improvement of station building have been completed and the works of new station building, additional platform shelters, platform surfacing and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- At Kesinga station, the works of additional platform shelters and platform surfacing have been completed and the works of main entry station building, second entry building, improvement of circulating area and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- At Mancheswar station, the works of improvement of circulating area have been completed and the works of new station building, improvement of existing station building, additional platform shelter, platform surfacing, waiting hall and toilet have been taken up.
- At Parlakhemundi station, the works of new station building, additional platform

shelters, platform raising and improvement of platform surfacing, improvement of circulating area, Divyangjan facilities and 12 m Foot Over Bridge with lifts have been completed and the works of coach indication boards 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. Development / upgradation of railway stations has a positive impact on tourism in the surrounding areas.

Development / Upgradation / Modernization of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or station-wise or state-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The state of Odisha is covered under three zones viz. East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway. For these zones, for the year 2023-24, ₹ 1205 crore have been allocated while an expenditure of ₹ 735 crore has been incurred, for the year 2024-25, ₹ 1529 crore have been allocated while an expenditure of ₹ 1488 crore has been incurred and for the year 2025-26, ₹ 1,287 crore have been allocated while an expenditure (upto June 2025) of ₹ 337 crore has been incurred so far.

Further development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation 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 / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation 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.
