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PROGRESS UNDER ABSS IN UTTAR PRADESH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress across the country under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS), including employment generation for marginalized communities;
- (b) the redevelopment and modernization of railway stations in Uttar Pradesh under the ABSS with a focus on the facilities, amenities, and regional integration being implemented in the State; and
- (c) the skill development and local hiring initiatives linked to modernization of Etawah Junction, particularly for OBC youth and women?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) Etawah Junction railway station, located in the state of Uttar Pradesh, has been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The works of improvement of existing station building, structural work of new second entry building, improvement of waiting hall, pay & use toilet, circulating area and new parking have been completed. The finishing works of new second entry building, Divyangjan facilities, 12 m Foot Over Bridge and sewage treatment plant have been taken up.

157 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme including Etawah Junction station located in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The names of stations identified for development under this scheme in the state of Uttar Pradesh are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Uttar Pradesh	157	Achnera, Agra Cantt., Agra Fort, Aishbagh Jn, Akbarpur Jn, Aligarh, Amethi, Amroha, Anand Nagar Jn., Aonla, Ayodhya Dham Junction, Azamgarh, Babatpur, Bachhrawan, Badaun, Badshahnagar, Badshahpur, Baheri, Bahraich, Balamau Jn., Ballia, Balrampur, Banaras, Banda, Barabanki Jn, Bareilly, Bareilly City, Barhni, Basti, Belthara Road, Bhadohi, Bharatkund, Bhatni, Bhuteshwar, Bijnor, Bulandsahar, Chandauli Majhwar, Chandausi, Chilibila, Chitrakut dham karwi, Chopan, Chunar Jn., Daliganj, Darshannagar, Deoria Sadar, Dhampur, Dildarnagar, Etawah Jn., Farrukhabad, Fatehabad, Fatehpur, Fatehpur Sikri, Firozabad, Gajraula, Garhmuktesar, Gauriganj, Ghatampur, Ghaziabad, Ghazipur City, Gola Gokarnath, Gomtinagar, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Govardhan, Govindpuri, Gursahaiganj, Haidergarh, Hapur, Hardoi, Hathras City, Idgah Agra Jn, Izzatnagar, Janghai Jn, Jaunpur City, Jaunpur Jn, Kannauj, Kanpur Anwarganj, Kanpur Bridge Left Bank, Kanpur Central, Kaptanganj Jn, Kasganj Jn, Kashi, Khalilabad, Khorason road, Khurja Jn., Kosi Kalan, Kunda Harnamganj, Lakhimpur, Lalganj, Lalitpur Jn, Lambhua, Lohta, Lucknow (Charbagh) NR, Lucknow city, Lucknow Jn. (NER), Maa Belha Devi Pratapgarh Junction, Maghar, Maharaja Bijli Pasi, Mahoba Jn, Mailani Jn, Mainpuri Jn, Malhaur, Manak Nagar, Manikpur Jn, Mariahu, Mathura Jn, Mau Jn, Meerut City Jn, Mirzapur, Modinagar, Mohanlalganj, Moradabad Jn, Muzaffarnagar, Nagina, Najibabad Jn, Orai, Panki Dham, Phaphamau Jn, Phulpur, Pilibhit Jn, Pokhrayan, Prayag Jn, Prayagraj Jn, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn , Rae

		Bareilly Jn, Raja Ki Mandi, Ramghat Halt, Rampur Jn, Renukoot, Saharanpur Jn., Salempur, Seohara, Shahganj Jn, Shahjahanpur, Shamli, Shikohabad Jn., Shivpur, Siddharth nagar, Sitapur Jn., Sonbhadra, Sri Krishna Nagar, Sultanpur Jn, Suraimanpur, Swaminarayan Chappia, Takia, Tulsipur, Tundla Jn., Ujhani, Unchahar, Unnao Jn, Utraithia Jn, Varanasi Cantt., Varanasi City, Vindhyachal, Virangana Lakshmibai, Vyasnagar, Zafarabad
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Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Uttar Pradesh have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, phase-I works of 20 stations (Ayodhya Dham, Balrampur, Bareilly City, Bijnor, Fatehabad, Gola Gokarnath Gomti Nagar, Govardhan, Govindpuri, Hathras City, Idgah Agra Jn., Izzatnagar, Mailani, Pokhrayan, Ramghat Halt, Saharanpur Jn., Siddharth Nagar, Suraimanpur, Swaminarayan Chappia, Ujhani) in the state of Uttar Pradesh have 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 Prayagraj station, structural work of second entry side, Rail Mail Service & arrival, parcel & arrival buildings, and basement plaza at second entry, Electrical substation have been completed and finishing work of these structures have been taken up. Extension work of Foot Over Bridge no. 2 has been completed. Work of roof plaza and relocated structures have been taken up.
- At Ghaziabad station, structural work of station building at main entry side and second entry side, foundation work of Foot Over Bridge, roof plaza, electrical substation at main entry side and second entry side, Magistrate building, Government Railway Police and Railway Protection Force buildings have been taken up.
- At Modi Nagar station, work of improvement to station building, improvement to waiting area and toilets, 12m wide Foot Over Bridge, new platform shelters, have been completed and work of minor finishing items of building, platform surfacing, signage, improvement to circulating area and parking have been taken up.

- At Sitapur Junction station, work of construction of old station building façade, platform flooring, platform shelter, circulating area boundary wall have been completed and works of construction of new station building foundation, pay & use toilet renovation, circulating area road, parking etc. have been taken up.
- At Jaunpur Junction station, structural work of new station building, platform shelter and toilet block have been taken up.
- At Jaunpur City station, work of platform shelters has been taken up.
- At Lucknow (Charbagh & Junction) station, the structural works of the second entry station building, TTE Running Hostel, Store Depot have been completed and masonry work including other finishing works, concourse, Foot Over Bridge, second entry circulating area, main entry external development and platform no. 10/11 works 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 of stations into city centres envisages enhanced economic activities at and around the stations and its consequential benefits.

‘One Station One Product’ (OSOP) scheme is a scheme of Ministry of Railways with the objective to promote ‘Vocal for Local’ vision of the Government of India, provide a market for indigenous products and opportunities to railway passengers to experience the rich

heritage of India and to buy local / indigenous products. Under this scheme, Indian Railways provide OSOP outlets (fixed stalls / portable trolleys) at railway stations across the country for showcasing, selling and giving high visibility to indigenous / local products. The products categories under this scheme include Handicrafts/Artefacts, textiles and Handlooms, Traditional Garments and Local agricultural products / processed / semi processed foods.

01 OSOP outlet, for sale of locally made milk products, is presently operational at Etawah Junction railway station.

Further, upgradation/ modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, inter-se priority, availability of funds etc. 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 / modernisation 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 Uttar Pradesh is covered under the jurisdiction of five railway zones, namely East Central Railway, North Central Railway, Northern Railway, North Eastern Railway, and West Central Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 4,358 crore has been made for the financial year 2025–26, out of which an expenditure (up to June, 2025) of ₹ 877 crore has been incurred so far.

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.
