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RAJYA SABHA
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AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME

765 # SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) objectives and key features of Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) and number of stations identified in various States, including Uttarakhand, for redevelopment under this initiative;
- (b) measures adopted under ABSS to improve accessibility for Divyangjans and manner in which these are aligned with the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan;
- (c) whether ABSS serves to integrate 'One Station One Product' (OSOP) initiative and its impact on promoting local artisans, crafts and indigenous industries at railway stations;
- (d) stations in Gujarat that are being redeveloped under ABSS and their current status; and
- (e) local products that are promoted under OSOP in Gujarat and their impact on artisans?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) 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 11 stations are located in the state of Uttarakhand and 87 stations are located in the state of Gujarat. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Uttarakhand and Gujarat are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Uttarakhand	11	Dehradun, Haridwar Jn., Harrawala, Kashipur Jn, Kathgodam, Kichha, Kotdwar, Lal Kuan Jn, Ramnagar, Roorkee, Tanakpur
Gujarat	87	Ahmedabad, Anand, Ankleshwar, Asarva, Bardoli, Bhachau, Bhaktinagar, Bhanvad, Bharuch, Bhatiya, Bhavnagar, Bhestan, Bhildi, Bilimora Jn, Botad Jn., Chandlodia, Chorvad Road, Dabhoi Jn, Dahod, Dakor, Derol, Dhrangadhra, Dwarka, Gandhidham, Godhra Jn, Gondal, Hapa, Himmatnagar, Jam Jodhpur, Jam Wanthali, Jamnagar, Junagadh Jn, Kalol Jn, Kanalus Jn, Karamsad, Keshod, Khambhaliya, Kim, Kosamba Jn, Lakhtar, Limbdi, Limkheda, Mahemadabad Kheda Road, Mahesana Jn, Mahuva, Maninagar, Mithapur, Miyagam Karjan Jn, Morbi, Nadiad Jn, Navsari, New Bhuj, Okha, Paddhari, Palanpur Jn, Palitana, Patan, Porbandar, Pratapnagar, Rajkot Jn, Rajula Jn, Sabarmati BG, Sabarmati MG, Sachin, Samakhiyali, Sanjan, Savarkundla, Sayan, Siddhpur, Sihor Jn., Somnath, Songadh, Surat, Surendranagar, Than, Udhna, Udvarda, Umargaon Road, Unjha, Utran, Vadodara, Vapi, Vatva, Veraval, Viramgam, Vishvamitri Jn., Wankaner

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Gujarat have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, phase-I works of 18 stations (Dakor, Derol, Hapa, Jam Jodhpur, Jam Wanthali, Kanalus Jn, Karamsad, Kosamba Jn, Limbdi, Mahuva, Mithapur, Morbi, Okha, Palitana, Rajula Jn, Samakhiyali, Sihor Jn, Utran) in the state of Gujarat 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:

Uttarakhand:

- At Ramnagar station, the work of toilet block, improvement of old station building, waiting room, construction of porch, raising of platform, extension of Passenger

Reservation System building, development of circulating area, new platform shelter, signages, lighting, landscaping and Divyangjan facilities of tactile pathway, water booth, low height ticket counter, parking and ramp have been completed. The work of finishing have been taken up.

- At Kashipur Junction station, the work of modern toilet block, improvement of circulating area, parking, construction of porch, platform raising and surfacing have been completed. The work of improvement of station building, Divyangjan facilities and lift have been taken up.
- At Lal Kuan Junction station, the work of platform raising and surfacing, improvement of circulating area and parking, water booths, signage, lighting, improvement of station building have been completed. The work of 12 m Foot Over Bridge and Divyangjan facilities have been taken up.

Gujarat:

- At Dahod station, the work of improvement of station building, construction of new porch, improvement of circulating area, improvement of booking counter and waiting hall, improvement of waiting room, platform surfacing of platform no. 1, new platform shelter, improvement of station illumination has been completed. The work of new 12 m Foot Over Bridge has been taken up.
- At New Bhuj station, the structural work of new main entry and second station building, new porch, structural work of air concourse have been completed. The work of finishing of station buildings, construction of Foot Over Bridge, improvement to platform have been taken up.
- At Asarva station, the structural work of new station building, platform surfacing of platform no. 1, platform shelter, improvement of waiting room, improvement of old station building have been completed. The work of finishing of new station building, 12 m Foot Over Bridge and improvement of parking and toilets 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.

Indian Railways is committed to make its railway stations accessible for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility as part of “Sugamya Bharat Mission” or ‘Accessible India Campaign’ of Government of India. In compliance of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, “Guidelines on accessibility of Indian Railway stations and facilities at stations for differently abled persons (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility” have been circulated and notified in the Gazette of India. The guidelines include provisions of facilities for Divyangjans and passengers with reduced mobility such as entrance ramps, accessible parking, low height ticket counters/help booths, toilets, drinking water booths, subways/Foot Over Bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for visual impairment, etc.

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. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head-53 ‘Customer Amenities’.

The state of Uttarakhand is covered under 02 zones namely, Northern Railway and North Eastern Railway. The fund allocation to these zones for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 ‘Customer Amenities’, for the year (BE 2025-26) is ₹ 2,543 Cr.

The state of Gujarat is covered under 02 zones namely, North Western Railway and Western Railway. The fund allocation to these zones for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 ‘Customer Amenities’, for the year (BE 2025-26) is ₹ 1,843 Cr.

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, air-port 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.

‘One Station One Product’ (OSOP) scheme is an independent scheme of Ministry of Railways with the objective to promote ‘Vocal for Local’ vision of the Government of India, provide a market for indigenous product and opportunity 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.

As on 30.06.2025, OSOP scheme has been implemented on 1984 stations with 2297 operational outlets across Indian Railways.

The product categories being promoted at the stations in Gujarat are Warli painting, coconut coir craft, toran, embroidery, zarizardoshi work, bandhej, ajrak print, mathiya, handloom work-khadi clothes, beaded jewellery, gramodyog products, rabari work items, katha work items, mochi work, jute, mud items, clay work, ayurvedic and herbal care, coir article, wooden toys, handbags, belts, purses, self stitched products and printing kalamkari. Artisans are getting livelihood and market exposure due to heavy footfall in Railway Stations.
