

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1572**  
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**MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS UNDER AMRIT BHARAT SCHEME  
IN WEST BENGAL**

1572. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) current status of progress of each of the 101 railway stations in West Bengal selected under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, including percentage of work completed;
- (b) names of the seven stations in West Bengal where development work under the scheme has not yet commenced, along with the reasons for the same;
- (c) the expected timeline for completion of works at the remaining stations, along with the targets set by the Ministry for the Financial Year 2025-26; and
- (d) the key infrastructure upgrades and passenger amenities being provided under the scheme at these stations, particularly concerning safety, accessibility, and inter-modal integration?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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(a) to (d) Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations. The master planning includes:

- Improvement of access to station and circulating areas
- Integration of station with both sides of city
- Improvement of station building
- Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths
- Provision of wider foot over bridge/air concourse commensurate with passenger traffic
- Provision of lift/escalators/ramp
- Improvement /Provision of platform surface and cover over platforms
- Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’
- Parking areas, multimodal integration
- Amenities for Divyangjans
- Better passenger information systems
- Provision of executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station

The scheme also envisages 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.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 101 stations are located in West Bengal. The name of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in West Bengal are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
West Bengal	101	Adra, Alipur duar Jn., Aluabari Road, Ambika Kalna, Anara, Andal Jn., Andul, Asansol Jn., Azimganj, Bagnan, Bally, Balurghat, Bandel Jn., Bangaon Jn., Bankura, Barabhum, Barasat, Bardhaman, Barrackpore, Belda, Berhampore court, Bethuadahari, Bhaluka Road, Binnaguri, Bishnupur, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Burnpur, Canning, Chandan nagar, Chandpara,

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
		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, Joychandi Pahar 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

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in West Bengal have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, works of 09 stations (Anara, Barabhum, Haldia, Joychandi Pahar, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kamakhyaguri, Panagarh, Siuri, Tamluk) in West Bengal have been completed under this scheme. Further, 6 stations (Alipur duar Jn., Bandel Jn., Howrah Jn., Kolkata, New Cooch Behar, Ranaghat) are at various stages of master planning/tendering. The works at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of above stations is as given below:

- **Azimganj station:** The work of platform surfacing, platform shelter, new second entry station building, improvement of existing station building, booking office, waiting hall, toilet, circulating area, Divyangjan facilities, coach indication board and train indication board have been completed. The finishing works have been taken up.
- **Berhampore Court station:** The work of platform shelter at platform no. 1, platform surfacing of platform no. 2/3 and Public Address System (PAS) have been completed. The work of platform shelter at platform no. 2/3 has been taken up.

- **Khagraghat Road station:** The work of coach indication board, train indication board have been completed. The works of improvement of existing station building, booking office, waiting hall, toilet, circulating area, parking area and Divyangjan facilities have been taken up.
- **New Farraka Junction station:** The work of improvement of existing station building, reserve lounge, portico, waiting hall, lifts, coach indication board, train indication board and signages have been completed. The works of circulating area, toilet, escalator, Divyangjan facilities and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- **Jangipur Road station:** The works of improvement of station building, circulating area, coach indication board, train indication board, signages and lift completed. The works of portico and Divyangjan facilities have been taken up.
- **Dhulian Ganga station:** The works of Passenger Reservation System building, improvement of existing station building, lift and Divyangjan facilities have been completed. The works of concourse area and circulating area have been taken up.

Further development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations including provision of passenger amenities at 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.

Master Planning is an iterative process requiring optimization and the time frame and other details for such optimization cannot be indicated at this stage.

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.

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 / 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. West Bengal is covered under the jurisdiction of four railway zones, namely Eastern Railway, Northeast Frontier Railway, South Eastern Railway and Metro Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 1,317 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-26, out of which an expenditure (up to October, 2025) of ₹ 737 crore has been incurred so far.

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