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IMPROVEMENTS UNDER AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has improved passenger amenities and station infrastructure nationwide, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Railways has introduced more passenger-friendly digital services such as unreserved ticketing apps and real-time train tracking, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) to what extent redevelopment of major stations has contributed to regional economic activity, the details thereof; and
- (d) the initiatives that have been implemented to enhance cleanliness and waste management at stations, the details thereof?

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. Development of stations into city centres envisages enhanced economic activities at and around the stations apart from improved travel experience.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under this scheme. Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, works of 172 stations have been completed. Names of these stations are as following:

Alnavar, Amb Andaura, Ambikapur, Amgaon, Anandpur Sahib, Anara, Ayodhya Dham, Badami, Bagalkot, Baijnath Paprola, Balrampur, Bantawala, Barabhum, Baramati, Bareilly City, Baripada, Barmer, Barpali, Begumpet, Beohari, Bhanupratappur, Bhilai, Bhind, Bijnor, Bimalgarh, Bommidi, Bundi, Chanda Fort, Chalakudi, Changanassery, Chennai Park, Chidambaram, Chinchpokli, Chinna Salem, Chirayinkeezh, Cuttack, Dakor, Derol, Deshnoke, Devlali, Dharwad, Dhule, Dongargarh, Fatehabad, Fatehpur, Fatehpur Shekhawati, Gadag, Gangapur City, Godda, Godhra Jn., Gogameri, Gokak Road, Gola Gokarnath, Gomti Nagar, Govardhan, Govind Garh, Govindpuri, Govindpur Road, Hafizpeta, Haibargaon, Haldia, Hapa, Harpalpur, Hathras City, Hodal, Idgah Agra Jn., Izzatnagar, Jaisalmer, Jam Jodhpur, Jam Wanthali, Joychandi Pahar, Junnor Deo, Kakinada Town, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kamakhyaguri, Kanalus Jn., Karaikkudi Jn., Karamsad, Karimnagar, Katni South, Kedgaon, Khairthal, Khambhaliya, Khalilabad, Koppal, Kosamba Jn., Kulitturai, Kuttipuram, Lasalgaon, Limbdi, Lohardaga, Lonand Jn., Mahe, Mahuva, Mailani, Mandal Garh, Mandawar Mahwa Road, Madhupur, Manaparai, Mandi Dabwali, Mangalagiri, Mannargudi, Matunga, M.C.S. Chhatrapur, Mithapur, Morappur, Morbi, Muktsar, Munirabad, Muri Jn., Murtizapur Jn., Nainpur Jn., Nandura, Narmadapuram, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Okha, Orchha, Palitana, Panagarh, Panki Dham, Parel, Parlakhemundi, Pirpainti, Piska, Pokhrayan, Pollachi Jn., Polur, Porbandar, Rajgarh, Rajmahal, Rajula Jn., Ramghat Halt, Rayanpadu, Saharanpur Jn., Sahibzada Ajit Singh Mohali, Sahebgunj, Samakhiali, Samalpatti, Sanchi, Sankarpur, Savda, Seoni, Shahad, Shajapur, Sholavandan, Shoranur Jn., Shridham, Siddharth Nagar, Sihor Jn., Siuri, Sri Bala Brahmeswara Jogulamba, Srirangam, Srivilliputtur, St.Thomas Mount, Sullurpeta, Suraimanpur, Swaminarayan Chappia, Talcher, Tamluk, Thawe, Thiruvarur Jn., Tiruvannamalai, Tuni, Ujhani, Urkura, Utran, Vadakara, Vadala Road, Vidisha, Vriddhachalam Jn., Wadakancheri, Warangal.

The activities for development at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations is as given below:

- **Tirupati station:** The structural works of the new second entry station building at South side and air concourse have been completed. The structural works of the new main entry station building at North side, finishing works of station building at South side, air concourse, platform shelters, lift and escalators have been taken up.
- **Nellore station:** The structural works of station buildings on both sides and air concourse have been completed. The works of subway extension, sewage treatment plants, overhead water tank, finishing works of station buildings and air concourse have been taken up.

- **Puri Station:** The structural work of the new station building has been completed. The works of development of the circulating area and finishing works of the new station building have been taken up.
- **Kota station:** The structural works of the front departure hall, front arrival hall, rear side station building have been completed. The works of finishing of new station building, construction of air concourse, through roof work, platform refurbishment and circulating area development have been taken up.
- **Bhubaneshwar station:** The structural work of station building at West side and East side, air concourse, construction of sewage treatment plant and underground sump tank have been completed. The works of elevated driveway, extension of Foot Over Bridge, platform refurbishment, lifts, escalators and finishing works have been taken up.

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. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station is carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.

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.

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 fund allocation of ₹ 12,120 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-26 under Plan Head-53 and expenditure (up to December, 2025) of ₹ 9660 crore has been incurred so far.

With a view to promote digital modes in ticketing, dynamic QR codes have been enabled across all counters of Indian Railways. The facility to book reserved as well as unreserved tickets has been provided on RailOne app which has been launched recently. This, in effect, brings the Passenger Reservation System (PRS) facility to passengers' palm. The RailOne app has advanced security and privacy measures.

The app combines all the public facing services of Indian Railways like reserved ticketing, unreserved ticketing and platform ticketing, train enquiry, Passenger Name Record (PNR) enquiry, Railmadad etc. into a single platform. The users can avail all these services in integrated manner through single login. The RailOne app can be downloaded from Android Play Store and Apple App Store and registration is user friendly. During 2025-26 (upto December, 25), more than 90% of reserved tickets and more than 38% of unreserved tickets have been booked through digital means.

Cleanliness is a continuous process and every endeavour is made to keep the stations premises in properly maintained and clean condition. Various measures have been taken for improving cleanliness at stations which includes:

- Provision of mechanized cleaning at major stations. Machines like high pressure jet cleaners, floor scrubbers, wet and dry vacuum cleaners etc. are deployed.
- Provision of two bin type dustbins has been carried out at various stations for segregation of bio-degradable and non-biodegradable waste, at source.
- Rag picking contracts and/or garbage disposal contracts are available at major stations.
- Based on local conditions, feasibility and requirement, tie-ups for waste disposal, have been made between local Railway authorities and municipal bodies.
- Prevention of falling of human waste on Railway tracks by fitting bio-toilets in all passenger coaches, thereby ensuring cleaner Railway Stations.
- Installation of plastic bottle crushing machines at major stations.
- Passenger awareness campaigns are regularly conducted across Indian Railways for encouraging them to dispose garbage in dustbins provided in trains & stations.
