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PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ABSS

2358# SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) is being effectively implemented by Government with the objective of modernizing railway stations and upgrading passenger amenities across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the railway stations selected, approved and completed under this scheme so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken special initiatives to develop differently abled-friendly facilities, digital services and multi-modal connectivity at the stations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Indian Railways has a well established mechanism to monitor implementation of projects including Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for their reviews, inspection and check for quality of works. Works are carried out adhering to the standards and specifications as laid down in various codes and manuals. Inspections and checks are carried out from time to time by various agencies and officials as per laid down instructions and actions for correction including damages are taken immediately. This is a continuous and ongoing process.

Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

This scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations of Indian Railways. The master planning, keeping in view the necessity of each station, 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/subway to commensurate with passenger traffic
- Provision of lifts/escalators/ramps
- Improvement of platform surface, provision of platform shelter
- Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’
- Parking development
- Amenities for Divyangjans
- Better passenger information systems
- Provision of air concourse, executive lounges, Multimodal integration, landscaping, etc.

The scheme also envisages sustainable and environment friendly solutions etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1340 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 261 stations have been completed. Details of stations completed are as under:

Aishbagh Junction, Alnavar, Amb Andaura, Ambasamudram, Ambikapur, Amgaon, Anandpur Sahib, Anara, Angamali for Kaladi, Ashoknagar, Ayodhya Dham Junction, Bachhrawan, Badami, Bagalkot, Baheri, Baijnath Paprola, Balaghat, Balangir, Balod, Balrampur, Banmankhi, Bantawala, Barabhum, Baramati, Bareilly City, Baripada, Barmer, Barpali, Begumpet, Beohari, Bhaktinagar, Bhanupratappur, Bhilai, Bhind, Bijnor, Bimalgarh, Bommidi, Bundi, Byculla, Chaibasa, Chalakudi, Champa, Chanda Fort, Chandil, Changanassery, Chennai Park, Chhindwara, Chidambaram, Chinchpokli, Chinna Salem, Chirayinkeezh, Chunar Junction, Coonoor, Cumbum, Cuttack, Dakor, Daliganj, Dallirajhara, Dauram Madhepura, Dausa, Deeg, Derol, Deshnoke, Devlali, Dhampur, Dharwad, Dhule, Digha, Dongargarh, Eluru, Fatehabad, Fatehnagar, Fatehpur, Fatehpur Shekhawati, Ferok, Gadag, Gangapur City, Garbeta, Gauriganj, Giridih, Godda, Godhra Junction, Gogameri, Gokak Road, Gola Gokarnath, Gomtinagar, Gotan, Govardhan, Govind Garh, Govindpur Road, Govindpuri, Guruvayur, Hafizpet, Haibargaon, Haldia, Haldibari, Hapa, Harpalpur, Harrawala, Hathras City, Hi-Tech City, Himayatnagar, Hodal, Hosapete, Idgah Agra Junction, Izzatnagar, Jaisalmer, Jalandhar Cantonment Junction, Jalpaiguri Road, Jam Jodhpur, Jam Wanthali, Jangaon, Jind Junction, Joychandi Pahar Junction, Junnor Deo, Kahalgaon, Kakinada Town Junction, Kalka, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kamakhyaguri, Kanalus Junction, Karaikkudi Junction, Karamsad, Karimnagar, Katni South, Katrasgarh, Kedgaon, Kesinga, Khairthal, Khalilabad, Khambhaliya, Khariar Road, Koppal, Kosamba Junction, Kotdwar, Kulitturai, Kuttippuram, Lasalgaon, Limbdi, Lohardaga, Lonand Junction, Madhupur Junction, Mahbubabad, Mahe, Mahuva, Mailani Junction, Majbat, Malkapur, Mambalam, Manaparai, Mandal Garh, Mandawar Mahwa Road, Mandi Dabwali, Mangalagiri, Mannargudi, Matunga, Mavelikara, MCS Chhatarpur, Mithapur, Modinagar,

Mohanlalganj, Morappur, Morbi, Muktsar, Munirabad, Muri Junction, Murtizapur Junction, Nainpur Junction, Namakkal, Nandura, Narmadapuram, Narwana Junction, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Nidadavolu Junction, Nilambur Road, Okha, Orai, Orchha, Pakur, Palani, Palitana, Panagarh, Panki Dham, Paramakkudi, Parappanangadi, Parel, Parlakhemundi, Phaphamau Junction, Pirpainti, Piska, Pokhrayan, Pollachi Junction, Polur, Porbandar, Pratapnagar, Prayag Junction, Raj Nandgaon, Rajgarh, Rajmahal, Rajula Junction, Ramagundam, Ramgarh Cantonment, Ramghat Halt, Ranibennur, Rayanapadu, Sabaur, Saharanpur Junction, Sahibganj, Salempur, Samakhiyali, Samalpatti, Sanchi, Sankarpur, Sarona, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar Mohali, Savda, Seoni, Shahad, Shajapur, Shamli, Shivanarayanpur, Shivpuri, Sholavandan, Shoranur Junction, Shridham, Siddharth Nagar, Sihor Junction, Simultala, Siuri, Sojat Road, Somesar, Sri Bala Brahmeswara Jogulamba, Srirangam, Srivilliputtur, St.Thomas Mount, Subramanya Road, Sullurpeta, Suraimanpur, Swaminarayan Chappia, Talcher, Tamluk, Tanakpur, Thalassery, Thawe, Thiruvarur Junction, Tikamgarh, Tirur, Tiruvannamalai, Tripunithura, Tuni, Udagamandalam, Ujhani, Urkura, Utran, Vadakara, Vadala Road, Vidisha, Vindhyachal, Vriddhachalam Junction, Wadakancheri, Warangal

Out of 1340 stations, 57 stations of Jharkhand have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Jharkhand are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Jharkhand	57	Balsiring, Bano, Barajamda Jn, Barkakana, Basukinath, Bhaga, Bokaro Steel City, Chaibasa, Chakradharpur, Chandil, Chandrapura, Daltonganj, Dangoaposi, Deoghar, Dhanbad, Dumka, Gamharia, Gangaghat, Garhwa Road, Garhwa Town, Ghatsila, Giridih, Godda, Govindpur Road, Haidar Nagar, Hatia, Hazaribagh Road, Jamtara, Japla, Jasidih Jn, Katrasgarh, Koderma Jn, Kumardubi, Latehar, Lohardaga, Madhupur Jn, Manoharpur, Muhammad Ganj, Muri Jn, N.S.C.B. Jn Gomoh, Nagar Untari, Namkom, Orga, Pakur, Parasnath, Piska, Rajkharwan, Rajmahal, Ramgarh Cantt, Ranchi Jn, Sahibganj, Sankarpur, Silli, Sini, Tatanagar, Tatisilwai, Vidyasagar

Completed Stations of Jharkhand:

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Jharkhand have been taken up at a good pace. Details of stations completed in Jharkhand are as under:

State	No. of stations	Name of stations
Jharkhand	15	Chaibasa, Chandil, Giridih, Godda, Govindpur Road, Katrasgarh, Lohardaga, Madhupur Junction, Muri Junction, Pakur, Piska, Rajmahal, Ramgarh Cantonment, Sahibganj, Sankarpur

- **Sankarpur station:** The development works have been completed which includes, new station building at second entry, entrance porch, 3 m wide foot over bridge, extension of platform, improvement of platform surface, platform shelters, waiting hall, improvement of circulating area, parking, installation of Train Indication Boards, signages and amenities for Divyangjan.
- **Rajmahal station:** The development works have been completed which includes, improvement of station building, entrance porch, extension of platform, improvement of circulating area, parking, landscaping, ceremonial flag, improvement of waiting hall, toilet, installation of signages, artwork and amenities for Divyangjan.

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:

Stations of Jharkhand:

- **Bano station:** The works of improvement of station building, lighting, platform shelter, entry & exit gate, approach road, improvement to platform surface, improvement of circulating area, parking and improvement of water booths have been completed. The works of ramp for existing foot over bridge and amenities for Divyangjan have been taken up.
- **Orga station:** The works of improvement of station building, lighting, platform shelter, entry & exit gate, improvement of platform surface, improvement of circulating area and drinking water booth have been completed. The work of amenities for Divyangjan has been taken up.
- **Bhaga station:** The works of improvement of waiting hall, new waiting hall, entrance porch, ramp, platform shelters, improvement of platform surface, parking, toilets, water booth, booking office and boundary wall have been completed. The works of lifts and amenities for Divyangjan have been taken up.

- **Bokaro Steel City station:** The works of improvement of station building, new waiting hall, entrance porch, improvement of retiring room and dormitory, waiting lounge, toilets, booking office, ramp, improvement of platform surface, improvement of circulating area, parking, water booth and approach road have been completed. The work of escalator has been taken up.
- **Ranchi station:** The structural work of second entry new station building (South side), additional platform and structural work of extension of 6 m wide foot over bridge have been completed. The finishing work of new station building and extension of foot over bridge, entrance porch, platform shelters on additional platform, improvement of circulating area, parking, new 6 m wide foot over bridge, electrical substation, underground water storage tanks and sewage treatment plant have been taken up.

Other Stations:

- **Bhubaneswar station:** The works of new West side and East side station building, air concourse, elevated driveway at West and East side and extension of foot over bridge have been completed. The works of improvement of platform surface, improvement of circulating area, platform shelters, lifts and escalators have been taken up.
- **Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar station:** The works of new post office building and parcel office, new Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police building at North side have been completed. The works of new arrival and departure building at South side, new waiting hall, toilet, air concourse, 6 m wide foot over bridge, through roof, new underground tanks at North and South sides, new sewage treatment plant at North and South side, new electrical substation building have been taken up.
- **Gaya station:** The work of new arrival building at second entry has been completed. The works of new departure building at second entry, new arrival and departure building at main entry, new platform no. 8, new platform shelters, air concourse and improvement of circulating area have been taken up.
- **Nagpur Junction station:** The works of relocation of passenger reservation system building and booking offices, and improvement of parking on the main entry side have been completed. The works of construction of new admin building, departure building and basement parking on main entry side, construction of departure building and unified basement on second entry side, new air concourse, improvement to platform surfacing on platform 8, and new platform shelters have been taken up.

- **Rameswaram station:** The works of revamping Multi Functional Complex building into retiring rooms, structural works of East and North terminal building, parcel office, departure forecourt, arrival forecourt, substation building and sewage treatment plant have been completed. The finishing works of East terminal building, North terminal building, departure forecourt, sewage treatment plant, arrival forecourt, platform shelter and improvement of waiting hall have been taken up.
- **Tirupati station:** The structural works of new South side station building (G+3+Basement), structural works of new North side station building, air concourse, underground and overhead water tanks, sewage treatment plant, rainwater harvesting, ramp to foot over bridge, lifts and escalators have been completed. The finishing works of station building, connecting bridge, approach road and platform shelters have been taken up.

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways including provision of passenger amenities including amenities for Divyangjan, signages, Coach Indication Board, Train Indication Board, multi modal connectivity etc., 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.

Indian Railways is taking all efforts 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 ramps at entrance, accessible parking, low height ticket counter/help booths, toilets, drinking water booth, sub-ways/foot over bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for visual impairment, etc., which have been taken up for implementation in a phased manner and on the principles of reasonable accommodation.

As per norms/ policy guidelines for necessary facilities for Divyangjan, adequate lighting arrangement and lifts are being provided at railway stations over Indian Railways. As a part of this, 2159 lifts have been provided at 791 railway stations so far.

Wheelchairs are provided by Railways and are given to attendants of the Divyangjan, Senior Citizens etc free of cost to escort them from and to the trains. However, whenever attendants are not available, licensed porters (Sahayaks) can be hired on pre-fixed nominal rate to escort the Divyangjan etc.

Battery Operated Vehicles (BOVs) are provided at major railway stations to passengers on 'first come first serve' basis with due preference to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), senior citizens, sick passengers and pregnant women. This facility is provided 'free of cost' through Corporate Social Responsibility/Sponsorship and on chargeable basis through service provider.

Digital Services:

Indian Railways has taken the following special initiatives to develop digital services for passengers:

1. **Passenger Reservation System (PRS):** Passengers have the flexibility to book train tickets through traditional physical PRS Counters as well as multiple digital channels, including the Website and Mobile Apps. Indian Railways has undertaken complete upgradation of passenger reservation system. It involves upgradation and replacement of hardware, software, network equipment, security infrastructure and functionalities on new technology with design capable of handling new features. The new system is designed for more than 04 times the present capacity.
2. **RailOne App:** Indian Railways has launched RailOne App on 01.07.2025. This app combines all the public facing services of Indian Railways like reserved ticketing, unreserved ticketing and platform ticketing, train enquiry, PNR enquiry, Railmadad, etc. into a single platform. The user 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. This, in effect, brings the Passenger reservation system facility to passenger's palm.
3. **Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS):** UTS provides the facility to book unreserved tickets, which is predominantly used by daily commuters and suburban travellers. Passengers can book unreserved tickets between any pair of stations over entire Indian Railways through booking offices and on Railone app. UTS counters are equipped with QR display devices facilitating passengers in making seamless payment through scanning the UPI QR code. Using RailOne app, passengers can book Journey, Season, Platform tickets and also add-on superfast surcharge ticket.

4. Automatic Ticket vending Machines (ATVMs): ATVMs are passenger operated ticket vending machines with features for issuance of journey and platform tickets, renewal of season tickets, top-up of smart cards and check train availability between selected pair of stations. It accepts UPI payment, R-Wallet as well as Smart Cards for payment. ATVMs have the feature for fast booking of tickets for top 30 selling destinations in 2 clicks. Passengers can book tickets and recharge smart cards in ATVMs through scanning dynamic UPI & make payment.

5. NTES (National Train Enquiry System): NTES provides train running information on near real time basis to the passengers through various interfaces which provide quick and easy access to essential information. The key features of NTES include Spot Your Train, Trains between Stations, Train Schedule, etc.

However, technological upgradation is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to technical feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.
