

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1837
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

RAILWAY STATION AS TOURIST DESTINATION

**1837. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry along with the Ministry of Tourism is considering to develop some railway stations in the country as tourist places and if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;**
- (b) the criteria adopted for selection of railway stations for developing them as tourist destination;**
- (c) whether a team of officials of Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Culture, Archaeological Survey of India and Tourism had visited the selected railway stations for the above purpose;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the development of these railway stations as tourist destinations?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1837 BY SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE, SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO AND DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2017 REGARDING RAILWAY STATION AS TOURIST DESTINATION

(a): Yes, Madam. 24 railway stations of tourist importance have been identified for upgradation of passenger amenities in association with Ministry of Tourism on a cost sharing basis in the ratio of 50:50 subject to a ceiling of D 240 Cr. from Ministry of Tourism (MOT) and Ministry of Railways (MOR) together.

The zone-wise identified Railway stations are as under:

Zone	Stations
Northern Railway	Amritsar, Delhi Safdurjung, Kurukshetra, Rai-Bareli, Haridwar and Varanasi.
Southern Railway	Thiruvananthapuram, Rameshwaram and Madurai
East Central Railway	Gaya
North Central Railway	Agra Cantt.
North Western Railway	Jaipur and Ajmer
East Coast Railway	Puri
South Central Railway	Hyderabad, Tirupati, Nanded and Aurangabad
South Western Railway	Hospet
Northeast Frontier Railway	Kamakhya, Guwahati, and New Jalpaiguri
Eastern Railway	Tarapith Road and Tarakeshwar

(b): The stations are identified on the basis of heritage and tourism importance of the station / destinations it caters to.

(c) and (d): Yes, Madam. 23 out of 24 stations, except Tarapith Road, have been jointly inspected by the team of officers from MOR and MOT.

(e): The expenditure likely to be incurred on the development of these stations is D 240 Cr. from MOT and MOR together.
