GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1519 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017

REDEVELOPMENT OF STATIONS

1519. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways had decided to re-develop a number of stations under the Station Development Plan;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay in execution of the Station Development Plan in respect of Jalgaon and Chalisagaon Railway Stations in Central Railway; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for time bound execution of all the phases of Station Development Plan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1519 BY SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.12.2017 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT OF STATIONS.

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. It has been planned to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations on Indian Railways for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis by inviting open bids from interested parties. The cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations. Jalgaon and Chalisagaon Railway Stations, being an 'A' category stations, are in the list of stations proposed to be offered for redevelopment.

The station redevelopment projects, which envisage provision of state-of-the-art facilities to the travelling public, are intrinsically complex and require high degree of project planning, detailed technoeconomic feasibility studies and in-principle approval from various local bodies before bidding can be taken up. Hence, such projects generally have long gestation periods.

As a result of efforts made by Railways in this direction, bids were invited for 23 stations in the first phase of station redevelopment programme. Bids for Kozhikode (Calicut) and Jammu Tawi stations have been received.

In addition, eight stations viz., Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Gandhinagar, Habibganj (Bhopal), Shivaji Nagar (Pune), Surat and Sabarmati have been entrusted to Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC) for redevelopment.

An MOU has been signed by Ministry of Railways with Ministry of Urban Development for integrated planning for station redevelopment

projects in cities identified as SMART cities in association with Smart City authorities. The following 10 stations have been taken up for redevelopment under this scheme:

Tirupati, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Nellore, Madgaon, Lucknow, Gomtinagar, Kota, Thane New, Ernakulam Jn. and Puducherry.

Rail Land Development Authority has been entrusted to redevelop Safdarjung Station in New Delhi along with IRCON.

Government of Odisha has taken up the work of redevelopment of Bhubaneswar railway station at its own cost.
