

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.699
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

MODERNISATION OF LUDHIANA AND AMBALA STATIONS

699. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has monitored the status of Ludhiana and Ambala railway stations that were allotted to French companies for modernisation in 2016;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reasons for delay, if any, and the estimated timeline for starting and completion of the above mentioned projects;**
- (d) the estimated cost of modernisation of the railway stations under the plan; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any other plans to make Ludhiana a world class station and if so, the details thereof ?**

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.699 BY SHRI RAVNEET SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2018 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF LUDHIANA AND AMBALA STATIONS

(a) & (b): Indian Railways had signed an agreement with SNCF (French Railway) for joint study on “Renovation Concept Design of Ambala & Ludhiana Stations” at a total cost of approx. ₹ 3.14 crore on 50:50 cost sharing basis. SNCF has completed the studies. The agreement was not for modernization of Ludhiana and Ambala railway stations.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Indian Railways intend to offer important stations for redevelopment on ‘as is where is’ basis by inviting open bids from interested parties duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways. The cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations. Ludhiana and Ambala railway stations are also proposed to be offered for redevelopment under the station redevelopment programme.

Station redevelopment projects are complex in nature and require detailed techno-economic feasibility studies and statutory clearances from local bodies. Therefore, no time frame or cost can be indicated at this stage for modernization of Ambala and Ludhiana Stations.
