GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.153 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018

STATUS OF REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

153. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a)the present status of Railway Station Redevelopment Programme;
- (b) the number of stations that have so far been redeveloped out of 600 identified stations, zone-wise;
- (c)whether it is true that the Ministry is finding it difficult to go ahead in view of the existing PPP norms for Station Redevelopment Programme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government will ensure potential return on investment so made by private sector under the above programme?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.153 BY SHRI JAYADEV GALLA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2018 REGARDING STATUS OF REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

(a) & (b): Indian Railways had advertised its plan 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 duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways. The cost of station redevelopment was to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations. Twenty three stations were taken up for bidding in first phase by Zonal Railways under the Program. Out of these 23 stations, bids were received for two stations only, viz. Jammu Tawi (Northern Railway) and Kozhikode (Southern Railway) stations, which are under evaluation. No bids were received for other stations.

Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) have been entrusted the work of redevelopment of Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Gandhinagar, Habibganj (Bhopal), and Surat railway stations. Works have commenced at Habibganj and Gandhinagar stations. Bids for Surat station (Western Railway) and Anand Vihar, Bijwasan & Chandigarh (Northern Railway) have been invited.

MoU between Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and NBCC India Ltd. has been signed for development of the following 10 stations:

Tirupati, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Nellore, Madgaon, Lucknow, Gomtinagar, Kota, Thane new, Ernakulam Junction and Puducherry.

Contracts have been finalised for Gomtinagar and bids have been invited for Charbagh station (Lucknow) and Tirupati station.

East Coast Railway is constructing a state-of-the-art new station building with modern amenities at Bhubaneshwar station with the support of Government of Odisha.

(c) & (d): During various interactions with developers, investors and other stakeholders, various issues including longer lease period for commercially developed assets, multiple sub leasing, no restrictions on usage, guaranteed time bound approval by railways functionaries and simplified bid procedures were repeatedly raised. Accordingly Ministry of Railways is formulating revised schemes for station redevelopment on fast track. A road map to further strengthen and empower IRSDC, as nodal agency to undertake redevelopment of more stations through simpler and transparent bidding procedures and also for longer lease periods for commercial exploitation of land and air space in and around the station has been prepared.
