UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to upgrade 400 railway stations including Chitrakutdham Karwi railway station under North Eastern Railway in view of tourism and commercial importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status in this regard;

(c) whether Sawai Madhopur station has been included therein, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of developers who have shown keenness to redevelop these railway stations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

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(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways through various agencies is undertaking techno-economic feasibility studies of Railway stations including Chitrakutdham Karwi and Sawai Madhopur stations in a phased manner. Based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment in phases, especially the stations located in major cities and important tourist destinations. The cost of station redevelopment project is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations.

The developers are to be selected through transparent bidding process. After the techno-economic feasibility studies reports are ready, the bids are to be invited for stations in a phased manner.