

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5044
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

FACILITIES AT SMALL STATIONS

†5044. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is aware of the dilapidated condition of the small railway stations;**
- (b) if so, whether the Railways is completely neglecting the maintenance of small railway stations located in the country which are used by lakhs of people daily;**
- (c) if so, the facts in this regard; and**
- (d) the plans chalked out/proposed by the Railways to make available the basic facilities at 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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5044 BY SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2019 REGARDING FACILITIES AT SMALL STATIONS

(a) to (d) Improvement /Augmentation of Railway Stations including amenities at stations, is an ongoing and continuous process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement and subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. Railway stations are also upgraded during Gauge conversion / Track doubling projects.

Railway stations are classified based on station earnings and outward passenger footfall at the station. Minimum Essential Amenities as per specified norms, based on the category of the station, are ensured at all stations. Foot over bridge and High level platform are now included in Minimum Essential Amenities for all category of stations on broad gauge. Priority is accorded to the higher category station over lower category station while sanctioning and executing the work of raising the height of platform and provision of Foot over bridge.

The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise not State-wise. These amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 ‘Passenger Amenities’. The details of funds allocated under Budgetary Sources for this Plan Head-53, over Indian Railways during the last five years i.e. 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and the current year 2019-20 are as under:-

(₹ in Crore)

Year	Actual Expenditure
2014-15	858.61
2015-16	1081.21
2016-17	981.25
2017-18	1286.81
2018-19	1585.89
2019-20	545.92 (up to June 2019)
