

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 216
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

HISTORICAL THANE RAILWAY STATION

***216. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to refurbish certain stations across the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the historical Thane railway station at the central railway route has been selected for this purpose;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the nature of works proposed to be carried out in this regard;**
- (d) the time by which the refurbishment of the said station is likely to be started; and**
- (e) the amount of funds allocated for the purpose and the present status of the said project?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF
STARRED QUESTION NO. 216 BY SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI TO
BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING
HISTORICAL THANE RAILWAY STATION**

(a) to (e): Ministry of Railways has recently launched a Scheme of 'Amrit Bharat Station' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach.

The scheme involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free WiFi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity phasing and feasibility and creation of city centers at the station in the long term.

So far, 1275 railway stations have been identified under this scheme including Thane railway station.

Presently, Station Area Traffic Improvement System (SATIS) in East side has been taken up at Thane Railway Station. SATIS (East) project envisages provision of elevated deck for bus stand for transport integration, basement parking and provision for construction of commercial space. Work of earthwork excavation for basement has also been taken up.

Further development of the station envisages construction of roof plaza at the station, integration with SATIS, improvement of entry/exit and access roads of the stations along with enhance amenities for the passengers under the 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme'.

Development/redevelopment of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers and trains and requires various statutory clearances from urban/local bodies etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated. The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or Station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The fund allocated to Central Railway for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', for the current year (2022-23) is ₹ 234.38 Crores.
