

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 303
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023**

SMART STATIONS IN ODISHA

***303. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the existing railway stations throughout the country to provide airport like facilities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of railway stations identified to be upgraded as smart stations in the country, particularly in Odisha;**
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized for all such stations during the last three years; and**
- (d) whether the Government has set up any target for the said redevelopment works and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 303 BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2023 REGARDING SMART STATIONS IN ODISHA

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

It 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 Wi-Fi, 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 centres at the station in the long term.

Presently, the scheme envisages to take-up 1275 stations over Indian Railways including 57 stations in the State of Odisha.

Station Development related works are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 Customer Amenities. The details of allocation for development and maintenance of stations including 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' are maintained Zonal Railway wise and not station wise or State wise. Zone wise details of funds allocated and expenditure under Budgetary sources under Plan Head 53 'Customer Amenities' over Indian Railways during last three years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and the current year 2022-23 (till February 2023) is as under :-

(₹ in crore)

Zonal Railways	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure (till Feb., 2023)
Central	235.96	231.83	288.78	275.85	207.56	152.94	234.38	122.21
Eastern	112.84	115.26	182.14	158.96	151.16	145.21	173.98	92.76
East Central	137.43	141.92	166.87	165.46	166.83	146.42	162.39	141.23
East Coast	96.14	94.79	103.16	87.16	89.03	66.99	109.53	73.69
Northern	150.77	152.30	268.37	247.25	217.71	221.68	235.37	344.62
North Central	65.3	77.64	182.94	163.41	134.81	118.82	147.57	106.82
North Eastern	78.59	86.32	100.18	103.9	121.20	95.33	187.23	95.16
Northeast Frontier	107.24	100.27	106.12	104.07	99.34	90.03	96.11	78.18
North Western	120.22	118.01	159.59	126.39	67.51	51.39	115.79	78.87
Southern	111.55	114.44	213.11	204.71	218.22	154.23	327.78	121.84
South Central	151.39	150.29	199.37	219.69	191.56	154.56	135.15	127.84
South Eastern	76.67	82.01	109.89	118.22	140.16	111.60	176.53	100.93
South East Central	53.82	55.83	107.14	118.76	67.15	65.18	60.90	46.07
South Western	82.66	80.61	114.80	115.13	135.34	112.13	137.94	58.70
Western	254.45	254.61	252.01	318.04	261.00	255.77	311.62	140.63
West Central	37.39	34.10	50.95	46.08	66.00	49.93	77.32	31.91
Metro	17.29	12.88	9.88	9.74	9.97	3.56	10.39	4.91
TOTAL	1889.71	1903.10	2615.3	2582.82	2344.55	1995.77	2700.00	1766.37

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.
