

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1092
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

EXPANSION OF ADDITIONAL PLATFORMS

1092. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has identified to expand and construct additional platforms with covered shed at various stations in the country, including at Buniadpur in West Bengal ;

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

(c) whether the Railways proposes to raise the height of platforms at different railway stations situated in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof ;

(d) the number of proposals received/approved/pending from West Bengal regarding extension and construction of platforms and the action taken thereon ;

(e) the norms for fixation of number of platforms at railway stations in the Country ; and

(f) the total budgetary allocation made and total funds utilized on providing facility at Balurghat Railway Station during the last three year ?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1092 BY DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2023 REGARDING EXPANSION OF ADDITIONAL PLATFORMS

(a) and (b) Indian Railways reviews the requirement of additional platforms as well as extension of platforms with growth in volume of traffic and other various relevant factors including technical feasibility, which is a continuous process. Buniadpur Railway station is a Non-suburban Grade-5 category railway station under Northeast Frontier Railway. Presently, at Buniadpur Railway station one high level platform with platform shed of 56 sq.m. is available which meet with the present day requirement.

(c) Yes, Sir. In the state of West Bengal, 18 Railway Stations are proposed for raising the height of platforms.

(d) The requests for extension and construction of additional platform are received from various stakeholders and action is taken by Railways based on growth in volume of traffic and various relevant factors. The proposals whenever received from State Govt. are dealt with as per extant rules.

(e) Numbers of platforms at stations are provided based on volume of traffic/trains and technical feasibility.

(f) The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise not State-wise or station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 ‘Customer Amenities’. Balurghat Railway Station falls under Northeast Frontier Railway. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred by Northeast Frontier Railway under Plan Head-53 ‘Customer Amenities’, during the last three years and current year are as under:-

(₹ in crores)

Zonal Railway	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	Allo- cation	Expe nd- iture	Allo- cation	Expe nd- iture	Allo- cati on	Expe nd- iture	Allo- cation	Expend- iture (Till Dec, 2022)
North- east Frontier	107.24	100.27	106.12	104.07	99.34	90.03	96.11	66.58
