## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1140 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

### **UPGRADATION AS ECO-SMART STATIONS**

**1140. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:** 

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are some objective criterion for selection of railway stations for upgradation as eco-smart stations, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether these are different from Smart Stations and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways has identified/approved any railway stations for upgradation as eco-smart stations in the State of Haryana, particularly in the Parliamentary Constituency of Sirsa; and
- (d) if so, the details of upgradation projects that are approved/ongoing in the State of Haryana, particularly in the Parliamentary Constituency of Sirsa, if any?

#### ANSWER

#### **MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &**

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

#### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) As per Hon'ble National Green Tribunal's directions, major stations are to be taken up in phases to achieve Environment

Standard '14001' laid down by BIS for stations. Regarding smart stations, it may be mentioned that Indian Railways is also undertaking Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for re-development of stations to improve the amenities such as improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators, cleanliness, free WIFI, kiosks for local products etc at the stations.

(c) & (d) 04 major stations of North Western Railway, geographically located in the state of Haryana, namely Sirsa, Bhiwani, Rewari and Hisar have been taken up for implementation of the directions of Hon'ble NGT.

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