

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5358
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

UPGRADATION OF SONIPAT RAILWAY STATION

†5358. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the process of upgradation of Sonipat Railway Station in Haryana has started;**
- (b) if so, the likely date of completion of the said work;**
- (c) whether the number of platforms will be increased while renovating the said railway station;**
- (d) if so, the number of new platforms likely to be constructed; and**
- (e) the amount likely to be spent on the said project along with the details thereof?**

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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5358 BYSHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF SONIPAT RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (e): The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has recently been launched for development of Railway 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 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 ballastless tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far, 1275 railway stations have been identified for development under this scheme including sonipat railway station in the State of Haryana.

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 requirement of additional/increase in platforms as well as extension of platforms depends on growth in volume of traffic and other various relevant factors including technical feasibility, which is a continuous process.

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'. Sonipat railway station in Haryana falls under Northern Railway Zone and the fund allocation to Northern Railway for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', for the year (2022-23) is ₹ 235.37 Cr.
