GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5474 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023

ADARSH STATION SCHEME IN UTTAR PRADESH

5474. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P.SAROJ):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any station/stations of Uttar Pradesh was/were selected under the Adarsh Station Scheme, particularly in Varanasi, Ayodhya and Mathura railway stations;
- (b) if so, the date on which these stations selected along with the funds allocated/utilised thereunder and the passenger amenities upgraded so far; and
- (c) the time by which the modernisation programme is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5474 BY SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ) TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING ADARSH STATION SCHEME IN UTTAR PRADESH

(a) to (c): 151 stations in Uttar Pradesh were identified for upgradation under Adarsh Station Scheme. Under this scheme, Varanasi City railway station and Manduadih (now Banaras) railway station were selected on 23.07.2015 and Ayodhya railway station was selected on 23.07.2012 However, Mathura railway station has not been selected under this scheme.

Development of stations under 'Adarsh Station Scheme' and provision of Passenger amenities at stations are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not state-wise or station-wise. Stations in the States of Uttar Pradesh are catered by East Central Railway, North Central Railway, Northern Railway, North Eastern Railway & West Central Railway. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred by these Railways under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', during last four years i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 (till Feb, 2023) is as under:-

(Fig. i	n crore	of ₹)
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	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Zonal Railway	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expend- iture (Till Feb., 2023)
East Central	137.43	141.92	166.87	165.46	166.83	146.42	162.39	141.23
North Central	65.3	77.64	182.94	163.41	134.81	118.82	147.57	106.82

Northern	150.77	152.30	268.37	247.25	217.71	221.68	235.37	344.62
North Eastern	78.59	86.32	100.18	103.9	121.20	95.33	187.23	95.16
West Central	37.39	34.10	50.95	46.08	66.00	49.93	77.32	31.91

Under the Adarsh Station Scheme, various passenger amenities such as improvement to facade of the station building, retiring room, waiting room (with bathing facilities), separate waiting room for ladies, computer based public address system, signages, Pay & Use toilets, water coolers, high level platforms, Foot Over Bridges, ramps at entry to station for Divyangjan and Senior Citizens etc. are provided at Railway stations identified for development under the 'Adarsh' station scheme as per the respective category of the station.

However, upgradation/modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se priority, subject to availability of funds and priority is accorded to higher category of stations over lower category of stations while sanctioning and executing the works.

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