

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1109
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OF STATIONS/LINES IN WEST BENGAL

1109. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the redevelopment plan and expansion of railway stations in West Bengal;**
- (b) the details of allocation of funds for the stations determined under the said scheme;**
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal for new railway lines in West Bengal; and**
- (d) if so, the details of the work progress on the said stations/lines?**

**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
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1109 BY SHRI KHAGEN MURMU
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(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. So far, 98 number of stations have been identified for development in the State of West Bengal.

The scheme 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 WiFi, 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.

The details of allocation of funds for modernisation/upgradation of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise under Plan-Head-53 'Customer Amenities' and not work-wise or Station-wise. There are 04 railway zones, viz. Eastern Railway, Northeast Frontier Railway, South Eastern Railway and Metro Railway which cater to the State of West Bengal. The details of funds allocated to these railway zones for development and maintenance under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities' for the year 2023-24 is ₹ 168.90Cr, ₹ 148.07Cr, ₹ 168.32Cr and 16.06 Cr respectively.

(c) & (d): Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as Railway projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2023, 16 new line projects costing ₹ 25,362 Cr. covering total length of 1,538 Km falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal are in planning/sanction/construction state, out of which 731 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure ₹ 12,931 cr. has been incurred upto March, 2023.
