

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2089
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

MODERNISATION OF STATIONS

**2089. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:
SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
SHRI DINESH LAL YADAV "NIRAHUA":
SHRI S. VENKATESAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major railway stations that have been modernised along with the number of railway stations proposed to be modernised across the country including Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala especially in backward and rural areas;

(b) whether the Railways has also launched an 'ambitious plan' of modernisation of Railway stations including development of world class stations and model stations, if so, the details thereof, station zone-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Guruvayur station to international standards considering the importance of this station in the pilgrim tourism map and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized for modernization of these stations so far along with the target fixed, station-wise including Madurai and Thrissur railway stations;

(e) whether the Government has conducted quality checks of modernisation works carried out at major railway stations of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government has found the works to be out of substandard quality and if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(h) whether the Government is considering to make passenger amenities better at the railway stations and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND

ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2089 BY SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN, SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH, SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI, DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI, SHRI DINESH LAL YADAV “NIRAHUA” AND SHRI S. VENKATESAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2023 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF STATIONS

(a) to (h) Upgradation/ modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. The priority for upgradation / modernization of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.

Three stations viz: Rani Kamlapati in the State of Madhya Pradesh, Gandhinagar in the State of Gujarat and Sir M. Visveswaraya Railway Station in the State of Karnataka have been redeveloped/modernized in recent past. Based on the experience gained from these stations, the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has 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.

Under the Scheme, 1309 stations across the Country including Guruvayur, Madurai and Thrissur have been identified for upgradation/modernisation over Indian Railways. The number of stations, State-wise is as under :

S. NO	STATE/UT	NO. OF STATIONS
1	Andhra Pradesh	72
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3	Assam	50
4	Bihar	92
5	Chattisgarh	32
6	Delhi	13
7	Goa	3
8	Gujarat	87
9	Haryana	34
10	Himachal Pradesh	4
11	Jharkhand	57
12	Karnataka	56
13	Kerala	35
14	Madhya Pradesh	80
15	Maharashtra	126
16	Manipur	1
17	Meghalaya	1
18	Mizoram	1
19	Nagaland	1
20	Odisha	57
21	Punjab	30
22	Rajasthan	83
23	Sikkim	1
24	Tamil Nadu	75
25	Telangana	40

26	Tripura	4
27	UT of Chandigarh	1
28	UT of Jammu & Kashmir	4
29	UT of Puducherry	3
30	Uttar Pradesh	156
31	Uttarakhand	11
32	West Bengal	98
	Total	1309

The details of expenditure incurred for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities' and not work-wise or Station-wise. The details of expenditure incurred by Indian Railway for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', during last three years and allocation and expenditure for current financial year i.e. 2023-24 are as under:

(Fig. in crore of ₹)

Zonal Railway	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	
	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure (till June, 2023)
Central	275.85	152.94	137.18	937.75	42.68
Eastern	158.96	145.20	115.96	378.52	42.41
East Central	165.46	146.42	184.70	781.52	58.61
East Coast	87.16	66.98	82.67	699.66	60.77
Northern	247.25	221.68	390.57	2799.53	88.88
North Central	163.41	118.72	131.22	930.40	51.42
North Eastern	103.90	95.33	108.10	273.50	32.14
Northeast Frontier	104.07	90.03	90.30	400.91	44.31

Zonal Railway	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	
	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure (till June, 2023)
North Western	126.39	51.39	111.46	858.75	49.25
Southern	204.71	154.34	147.21	1242.58	49.67
South Central	219.79	154.56	146.54	961.86	83.64
South Eastern	118.22	111.61	145.26	480.40	25.13
South East Central	118.76	65.18	50.95	183.11	13.32
South Western	115.13	112.13	81.32	468.21	29.89
Western	318.04	255.77	179.43	1540.83	47.96
West Central	46.08	49.93	51.43	401.41	15.94
Metro	9.74	3.57	5.08	16.06	0.90
TOTAL	2582.92	1995.75	2159.38	13355.00	736.92

Further, redevelopment of 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 at this stage.

Indian Railways has an inbuilt mechanism to check the quality of works, which is being performed at various levels by concerned Railway officials as per guidelines laid down in the Indian Railways Engineering Code, Indian Railways Works Manual and Specification etc. and the works meeting the laid down standards only are accepted. This is a continuous process and a centralised compendium of the same is not maintained.
