GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3309 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023

UPGRADATION/MODERNISATION OF STATIONS

3309. DR. MAHESH SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade/modernize the Chola railway station which is the nearest railway station from the upcoming Jewar Airport in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the details of new railway projects pertaining to redevelopment of railway stations and laying of new railway lines in the State of Uttar Pradesh, especially in the district of Gautam Budh Nagar and Bulandshahr districts; and
- (c) the time by which the said projects are 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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3309 BY DR. MAHESH SHARMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING UPGRADATION/MODERNISATION OF STATIONS

(a) to (c) Chola is Non Suburban Grade (NSG)-5 category station. All Minimum Essential Amenities viz. High level Platforms, Foot over Bridge, drinking water facility, waiting hall, platform shelter, seating arrangement, toilets, urinals etc are available at Chola railway station.

Further, 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.

Ministry of Railways has recently launched the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme 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 156 stations in the State of Uttar Pradesh, have been identified for upgradation/modernisation over Indian Railways. The stations as identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh are as under:

S.No.	State	Count	Name of Stations
1	Uttar Pradesh	156	Achnera, Agra Cantt., Agra Fort, Aishbagh, Akbarpur Jn, Aligarh, Amethi, Amroha, Anand Nagar, Aonla, Ayodhya, Azamgarh, Babatpur, Bachhrawan, Badaun, Badshahnagar, Badshahpur, Baheri, Bahraich, Balamau, Ballia, Balrampur, Banaras, Banda, Barabanki Jn, Bareilly, Bareilly City, Barhni, Basti, Belthara Road, Bhadohi, Bharatkund, Bhatni, Bhuteshwar, Bijnor, Bulandsahar, Chandauli Majhwar, Chandausi, Chilbila, Chitrakut dham karwi, Chopan, Chunar Jn., Daliganj, Darshannagar, Deoria Sadar, Dhampur, Dildarnagar, Etawah Jn., Farrukhabad, Fatehabad, Fatehpur, Fatehpur Sikri, Firozabad, Gajraula, Garhmukteshwar, Gauriganj, Ghatampur, Ghaziabad, Ghazipur City, Gola Gokarnath, Gomtinagar, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Govardhan, Govindpuri, Gursahaiganj, Haidergarh, Hapur, Hardoi, Hathras City, Idgah, Izzatnagar, Janghai Jn, Jaunpur City, Jaunpur Jn, Kannauj, Kanpur Anwarganj, Kanpur Bridge Left bank, Kanpur Central, Kaptanganj, Kasganj, Kashi, Khalilabad, Khorsanroad, Khurja Jn., Kosi Kalan, Kunda Harnamganj, Lakhimpur, Lalganj, Lalitpur, Lambhua, Lohta, Lucknow (Charbagh & Jn.), Lucknow city, Maghar,

Mahoba, Mailani, Mainpuri Jn., Malhaur Jn, Manikpur Mariahu, Manaknagar Jn, Jn., Mathura, Mau, Meerut City, Mirzapur, Modi Nagar, Mohanlalganj, Moradabad. Muzaffarnagar, Nagina, Najibabad Jn., Nihalgarh, Orai, Panki Dham, Phaphamau Jn, Phulpur, Pilibhit, Pokhrayan, Pratapgarh Jn, Prayag Jn, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Raebareli Jn, Raja Ki Mandi, Ramghat Halt, Rampur, Renukoot, Saharanpur Jn., Salempur, Seohara, Shahganj Jn, Shahjahanpur, Shamli, Shikohabad Jn., Shivpur, Siddharth Sitapur Jn., Sonbhadra, Sri Krishna Nagar, Sultanpur Jn, Suraimanpur, Swaminarayan Chappia, Takia, Tulsipur, Tundla Jn., Unchahar, Unnao Jn, Utraitia Jn, Varanasi Cantt., Varanasi Vindhyachal, Virangana City. Lakshmibai, Vyasnagar, Zafarabad

The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/district-wise as the projects may span across State/District boundaries. As on 01.04.2023, 16 New Line projects covering total length of 1,743 km at a cost of $\stackrel{?}{_{\sim}}$ 29,726 crore, falling fully/partly in Uttar Pradesh out of which 260 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of $\stackrel{?}{_{\sim}}$ 7,162 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic considerations etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s).
