

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3342
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

GRADING OF RAILWAY STATIONS

†3342. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria on which railway stations are graded along with the details of the facilities provided to such stations, grade-wise;**
- (b) the grades under which the stations of Seoni, Balaghat Parliamentary Constituency falls;**
- (c) whether these stations possess all the facilities as per their grades; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

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. 3342 BY DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING GRADING OF RAILWAY STATIONS

(a): Railway stations are categorized based on the annual passenger earnings (reserved and unreserved) and number of outward passengers handled at the station.

Various Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA) like waiting hall, platform shelter, drinking water, toilets, seating arrangements, adequate lighting etc are provided at Railway stations depending upon the category of station. Further, upgradation of amenities at railway stations is undertaken as per requirement, subject to availability of funds.

(b) to (d): Parliamentary constituency wistlist regarding category of stations is not maintained. The category (grade) under which Seoni and Balaghat stations fall are as under:

S.No.	Name of the station	Category (Grade)
1.	Balaghat	Non Suburban Grade (NSG)-5
2.	Seoni	NSG-6

As per norms, Minimum Essential Amenities (MEAs) are provided at these stations. However, augmentation/ upgradation of passenger amenities at railway station in Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process.
