

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1682
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT WADSA

†1682. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Wadsa is the only railway station in the tribal and severely naxal affected district, Gadchiroli in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to provide stoppage of all the trains passing through Wadsa railway station for the convenience of the people of this tribal dominated area; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof, area-wise?**

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. 1682 BY SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT WADSA

(a): Wadsa is an important station in Maharashtra. A new line Wadsa-Gadchiroli of 52 km length having cost Rs. 1069 cr has been taken up. All statutory clearance have been obtained for this project.

Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages upgradation and modernisation of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

This 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 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 and requirement 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.

So far 1309 Railway Stations have been identified over Indian Railways under this scheme. In all, 126 railway stations including Wadsa station in the State of Maharashtra have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

(b) & (c): At present, Wadsa station is served by 4 Mail/Express and 9 Passenger train services. Besides, provision of stoppages is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.
