

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2985  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

**MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN MAHARASHTRA**

**†2985. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:  
SHRI DINESH LAL YADAV "NIRAHUA":**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for the modernization of railway stations in all over the Country;**
- (b) if so, the details of railway stations modernized during the last five years or proposes to be modernized, State-wise especially in Maharashtra;**
- (c) the number of railway stations which are proposed to be modernized;**
- (d) whether the Government has checked the quality of modernization work undertaken at railway stations in the country including Maharashtra;**
- (e) if so, the names of those railway stations where quality of works have been checked along with the details thereof;**
- (f) the details of works found to be of substandard quality along with the work-wise details thereof;**
- (g) whether the Government proposes for quality check of railway stations of different cities/districts in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;**
- (h) the total budget earmarked for the modernization of Railways along with the funds allocated for the said purpose during the current financial year; and**

**(i) the time by which the modernization of Railways is likely to be completed?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (i): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (i) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2985 BY SHRI VINAYAK RAUT, SHRI SANJAY JADHAV AND SHRI DINESH LAL YADAV "NIRAHUA" TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN MAHARASHTRA**

**(a) to (i): 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. 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 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.**

**So far, 1309 number of railway stations including 126 railway stations in the State of Maharashtra have been identified for development/redevelopment under this scheme.**

**A state-wise list of number of identified stations is given below:-**

<b>S.N.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Stations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Delhi</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>TamilNadu</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>UT of Chandigarh</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>UT of Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>UT of Puducherry</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1309</b>

**The allocation of funds for development of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/UT-wise or Station-wise, generally under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. Total allocation under this Plan Head for the current year is ₹13,355 crore.**

**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.No major quality issues have been noted so far. The minor nature of inferior quality of incidences found during execution is corrected then and there.**

**Upgradation/modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process. Works for improvement of passenger amenities are undertaken depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se priority, subject to availability of funds.**

**Further, development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fiber cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.**

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