GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 72 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024

STATION REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS

*72. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that station redevelopment process is complex in nature involving safety of passengers and trains and requires various statutory clearances from urban/local bodies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these factors affect the completion time; and
- (d) if so, the number of stations wherein redevelopment is incomplete in the country due to these factors?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 72 BY DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING STATION REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS

(a) to (d): Development/redevelopment 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 fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. Consultations with Urban/Local Bodies and other stake holders are done for clearances required from concerned authorities for station development work.

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.

The 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 WiFi, 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 centers at the station in the long term.

Modernisation/Upgradation of stations is an ongoing and continuous process on Indian Railways. So far, 1318 number of stations have been identified for development under 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme'.
