

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 736
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN ODISHA

736. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has introduced the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme to enhance and modernize railway stations throughout the Indian Railways network;**
- (b) if so, the facilities proposed to be constructed/provided at railway stations under the said scheme;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has prepared Master Plan to enhance various station facilities;**
- (d) if so, the details along with the details of funds allocated, released and so far utilised in this regard, zone-wise;**
- (e) the number and names of railway stations proposed to be modernized under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme particularly in Odisha and other States;**
- (f) whether the Union Government proposes to transform these stations into vibrant city centres over the long term; and**
- (g) if so, the details and the time fixed for completion of the Scheme?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 736 BY SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN ODISHA

(a) to (g) The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been launched 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, 1318 stations including 58 stations in the State of Odisha, have been identified over Indian Railways. The list of names of

stations in the State of Odisha identified under the scheme are appended.

The details of fund allocation are maintained Zonal Railway-wise under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities' and not station-wise. During the financial year 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 expenditure of total ₹8784.08 crores has been incurred under Plan Head – 53 and the outlay for the current year, i.e. 2023-24 is ₹9618.22 crore (Revised Estimate).

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, air-port 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, 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.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 736 BY SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN ODISHA

The names of stations in the State of Odisha are as under:

State	Total no. of stations	Name of Stations
Odisha	58	Angul, Badampahar, Balangir, Balasore, Balugaon, Barbil, Bargarh Road, Baripada, Barpali, Belpahar, Betnoti, Bhadrak, Bhawanipatna, Bhubaneswar, Bimlagarh, Brahmapur, Brajrajnagar, Chatrapur, Cuttack, Damanjodi, Dhenkanal, Gunupur, Harishanker Road, Hiraakud, Jajpur-Keonjhar road, Jaleswar, Jaroli, Jeypore, Jharsuguda, Jharsuguda Road, Kantabanji, Kendujhargarh, Kesinga, Khariar Road, Khurda road, Koraput, Lingaraj Temple Road, Mancheswar, Meramandali, Muniguda, New Bhubaneswar, Panposh, Paradeep, Parlakhemundi, Puri, Raghunathpur, Rairakhol, Rairangpur, Rajgangpur, Rayagada, Rourkela, Sakhi Gopal, Sambalpur, Sambalpur city, soro, Talcher, Talcher Road, Titlagarh Jn.
