GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 745 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024

CONSTRUCTION OF ROBS/RUBS

†745. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations likely to be made model stations in Bikaner and Jodhpur division of North West Railways by the Government along with the present status thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to convert manned level crossings into Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) and Rail Under Bridges (RUBs) and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of ROBs and RUBs likely to be constructed in the country along with the total amount sanctioned and incurred on it; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to set any new policy for the contruction of ROBs and RUBs and if so, the details thereof?

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.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 745 BY SHRI RAHUL KASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF ROBS/RUBS

(a) to (d) Model Station Scheme was in vogue between June, 1999 and Nov., 2008. Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme 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 23 stations in Bikaner division and 18 stations in Jodhpur division, have been identified for upgradation/modernisation over Indian Railways.

During the period 2014-23, total 10867 Nos. Road Over Bridges (ROBs)/Road Under Bridges (RUBs) were completed, whereas, during the period 2004-14, only 4148 Nos. ROBs/RUBs were completed. During the year 2023-24, 612 Nos. ROBs/RUBs have been completed up to December 2023. During the year 2023-24, ₹3970 crores have been spent up to December 2023 for the construction of ROBs & RUBs.

Construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs)/Road Under Bridges (RUBs) is taken up to eliminate manned level crossing gates. Sanctioning of works of Road over Bridge (ROB)/Road under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of level crossings (LCs) is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Such works are taken up on the basis of its impact on safety in train operations, mobility of trains and impact for road users and feasibility etc.

As on 31.01.2024, total 1948 ROBs and 2325 RUBs have been sanctioned over Indian Railways, which are at different stages of planning, estimation and execution etc.

In order to improve safety in train operation, to increase mobility and to accelerate road crossing works, Railway has issued new policy on 02.03.2023. The main features of the policy are as under:

1. Priority of LC elimination is based on its impact on safety in train operations, mobility of trains and impact for road users, feasibility of execution and cost considerations.

2. Execution of work on single entity basis by Railway wherever possible. In case any Road Owning authority/State Government wants then Railway may permit them to execute the work on single entity basis.
