GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 819 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024

REDEVELOPMENT OF KISHANGANJ STATION

819. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of the redevelopment of forty nine stations in Bihar including the Kishanganj Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme; and

(b) the details of the specific timeline fixed for the completion of the said redevelopment works?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 819 BY DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT OF KISHANGANJ STATION

(a) and (b) Ministry of Railways has recently launched Amrit Bharat Station scheme. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. So far 92 Railway Stations including Kishanganj Railway station have been identified for development under this scheme in the state of Bihar.

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.

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.

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