

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 896
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

REDEVELOPMENT /RENOVATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

†896. SHRI DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the redevelopment and renovation of 400 railway stations as announced in 2017;

(b) if so, the number of stations in Bihar including Katihar Rail Division/Railway Zone which have been redeveloped so far and the details of the facilities provided in the said stations; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 896 BY SHRI DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT/RENOVATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

(a) to (c): 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.

So far, 1318 number of stations including 92 in the State of Bihar have been identified for development under this scheme, which includes 6 stations of Katihar division also.

Modernization/Development 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 .and these factors affect the completion time . Therefore, no time frame can be indicated.