

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3967
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020**

RENOVATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN RAJASTHAN

†3967. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations standards of which have been improved or are in the process of being improved and beautification of the same has been carried out across the country by the Ministry during the last two years;

(b) the State-wise/UT-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has presently stopped the ongoing development works at various railway stations across the country including Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry has prepared any roadmap for development and renovation of mismanaged railway stations in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3967 BY SHRI NIHAL CHAND TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2020 REGARDING RENOVATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN RAJASTHAN

(a) and (b): Upgradation/modernization/augmentation of stations on Indian Railways under various developmental schemes is a continuous and on-going process. Presently, Railway stations are upgraded/modernized under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme based on identified need of providing better enhanced passenger amenities at stations. Under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme, 1253 stations have been identified for development, out of which 1181 stations so far have been developed. The details of stations developed under Adarsh Station scheme during last two years and current year are as under:-

Year	No. of stations developed under Adarsh Station Scheme during last two years and current year
2017-18	32
2018-19	29
2019-20 (upto Jan'2020)	88

In addition, in a unique attempt to combine cleanliness and creativity, a programme for beautification of Railway stations with wall art of paintings & graffiti or local arts with participation of local artists, private groups, volunteers carrying social messages and local heritage among Zonal Railways was taken up in 2017-18. About 61 Stations have been beautified by utilizing skills of local artists.

Further, under soft-upgradation scheme, 68 stations have been substantially upgraded over Indian Railways during 2018-19. Various passenger amenities which, inter-alia, include improvement to façade of the station building, retiring room, waiting room (with

bathing facilities), separate waiting room for ladies, landscaping of circulating area, earmarked parking, signages, Pay & Use toilets, Foot Over Bridge, ramps at entry to station etc. have been provided at these Railway stations as per the respective category of the station depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se priority, subject to availability of funds.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise

(e) and (f): Presently, the system of development/improvement/augmentation of railway stations is managed properly and all the works of development/improvement/augmentation of railway stations over Indian Railways take place in a systematic manner. The remaining 72 stations are targeted to be developed under Adarsh Station Scheme by 2020-21. A dedicated umbrella has been created for the year 2020-21 specifically for “Soft Upgrade at stations” (like improvement to dilapidated/old station buildings, tall flags, steel benches, COP, etc.).

Further, upgradation/modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation / modernization of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.
