GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1493 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021

MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN UTTAR PRADESH

†1493. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the pace of modernization of railway stations in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the facilities like high level platform, waiting hall, lift, escalator, ramp at all the grade of railway stations including non-suburban stations in Uttar Pradesh have been provided;
- (c) the total amount spent on the modernization of the railway stations during the last three years; and
- (d) the time by when all these stations are likely to be modernized?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1493 BY SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2021 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN UTTAR PRADESH

(a) to (d) Upgradation/modernization of stations on Indian Railways 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. In the state of Uttar Pradesh, 152 stations have been identified for development under the Adarsh Station Scheme. Out of these, 131 stations have been upgraded/developed under this scheme. The remaining 21 stations are targeted to be developed in Financial Year 2021-22 under Adarsh Station Scheme.

Various passenger amenities such as improvement to façade of the station building, retiring room, waiting room (with bathing facilities), separate waiting room for ladies, computer based public address system, landscaping of circulating area, signages, Pay & Use toilets, water coolers, high level platforms, Foot Over Bridges, ramps at entry to station for Divyangjan and Senior Citizens etc. are provided at Railway stations identified and developed under the 'Adarsh' station scheme as per the respective category of the station.

Also, in order to facilitate easy movement of elderly, sick and for smooth access to platforms of major railway stations and for ease of movement, escalators are provided at Railway Stations having minimum footfall of 25,000 per day and above.

Further, as a part of 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan' for differently abled passengers lifts at railway stations are provided depending upon relative priority of various stations and techno-economic feasibility for provision of lifts. So far (as on 30.06.2021), 83 escalators at 28 stations and 70 lifts at 27 stations including non-suburban stations in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been provided.

In addition, 68 stations in the financial year 2018-19 have been selected for development under Soft upgradation. Out of these, 07 stations in Uttar Pradesh, namely, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Prayagraj, Jhansi, Mathura, Varanasi City, Izzatnagar and Gorakhpur have been substantially upgraded.

The allocation/expenditure on works of modernization/upgradation/ augmentation of railway stations is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Passenger Amenities'. The accounting and budgeting units of Railways are 17 Zones and 8 Production Units. Therefore, the State-wise details of funds allocated/spent are not maintained. However, the expenditure incurred for modernization of stations during the last three years i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21 are ₹ 1585.88 crore, ₹ 1903.11 crore and ₹ 2582.90 crore respectively.
