

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022**

EXTENSION OF PLATFORMS

5614. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to identify, expand and construct additional platforms with covered shed at various stations in the country including at Buniadpur in West Bengal, State-wise and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(b) whether the Railways proposes to raise the height of platform at different railway stations situated in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of proposals received from West Bengal in this regard and the action taken thereon;

(d) the norms for fixation of number of platforms at railway stations in the country;

(e) whether the Government has approved any scheme/project for the development of Balurghat Railway Station and if so, the details thereof and the budget provided for this project; and

(f) the total budgetary allocation made and total funds utilized in providing facility at Balurghat Railway Station during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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.5614 BY DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2022 REGARDING EXTENSION OF PLATFORMS

(a) Indian Railways reviews the requirement of additional platforms as well as extension of platforms with growth in volume of traffic and other various relevant factors. Buniadpur Railway station is a Non-suburban Grade-5 category railway station under Northeast Frontier Railway. At Buniadpur Railway station one high level platform with platform shed of 56 sq.m. is available.

(b) Yes, Sir. In the state of West Bengal, out of the sanctioned platform raising works at 105 nos. of stations, works at 94 nos. of stations have been completed.

(c) The requests for extension and construction of additional platform are received from various stakeholders and action is taken by Railways based on growth in volume of traffic and various relevant factors. List of proposals from State Governments is not maintained.

(d) Number of platforms at stations are provided based on volume of traffic/trains and technical feasibility.

(e) and (f) The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise not State-wise or station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 ‘Passenger Amenities’. Balurghat Railway Station falls under Northeast Frontier Railway. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred by Northeast Frontier Railway under Plan Head-53 ‘Passenger Amenities’, during the last three years and current year are as under:-

(₹ in crores)

Zonal Railway	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Allo- cation	Expend- -iture	Allo- cation	Expend- -iture	Allo- cation	Expend- -iture	Allo- cation	Expend- -iture (Till Feb, 2022)
North- east Frontier	95.54	78.06	107.24	100.27	106.12	104.07	165.60	79.70