GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5735 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

WORLD CLASS FACILITIES AT STATIONS

†5735. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the comprehensive steps taken by the Government to improve the standard of the railway stations and to make these world class stations in the big/metro cities of the country;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of the stations selected under the Smart Station Project along with the details of the budget utilized/allocated in this regard; and

(c) the number of railway stations which have been upgraded to world class by expanding facilities at these stations during the last two years in the country, the State/UT-wise?

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.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5735 BY SHRI NIHAL CHAND TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2022 REGARDING WORLD CLASS FACILITIES AT STATIONS

(a) to (c): For development of Railway stations, Ministry of Railways has formulated various developmental schemes viz. Model, Modern and Adarsh Station Schemes for upgradation / modernization / augmentation of stations on Indian Railways including stations in various small and big cities.

Presently, Railway stations are upgraded/modernized under Adarsh Station Scheme based on identified need of providing better enhanced passenger amenities at stations. 1253 railway stations over Indian Railways have been identified for development under Adarsh Station Scheme. Out of these, 1213 railway stations have been developed and the remaining 40 stations are targeted for development in Financial Year 2022-23.

Recently, a new scheme of major upgradation of railway station has been initiated. The facilities envisaged in this scheme includes rebuilding/ improvement/ augmentation of station building, congestion free non-conflicting entry/exit to the station premises, segregation of arrival/departure of passengers, adequate concourse without overcrowding, integration of both sides of the city wherever feasible, user friendly signages, well illuminated circulating area and sufficient provision for drop off, pick up & parking etc., and all facilities of Divyangjans among other facilities as per requirement and feasibility. So far 41 stations have been identified for major upgradation under this scheme. Also, New Delhi railway station and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus are identified for development under Hybrid Built Operate Transfer model of Public Private Partnership (PPP).

Two railway stations viz. Rani Kamlapati and Gandhinagar have been developed and commissioned on 15.11.2021 and 16.07.2021 respectively. One more station, i.e., Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru is ready for commissioning.

The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise. These amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 'Passenger Amenities'. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under this Plan Head-53, over Indian Railways during the last two years i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22 and current year 2022-23 are as under: -

		<u>(</u> ₹ in Crores)
Financial Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2020-21	2615.30	2582.92
2021-2022 (till Feb, 2022)	2344.55	1566.32
2022-23	2700	-

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