

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1400
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY STATION INTO SMART STATION

†1400. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop the existing railway stations across the country at par with the international standards;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) the details of the number of railway stations identified to be upgraded into smart stations in the country particularly in Rajasthan;**
- (d) the details of the number of stations developed into smart stations till date including the details of the said stations, name-wise; and**
- (e) the station-wise details of the funds approved, allocated and utilised, work-wise for the redevelopment of all such stations, Division-wise in Rajasthan particularly the existing stations in Nagaur Parliamentary Constituency during each of the last three years including current year?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1400 BY SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY STATION INTO SMART STATION.

(a) to (e): 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. It 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 Wi-Fi, 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, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far, 1324 number of stations including 85 railway stations falling in the state of Rajasthan have been identified for development/

redevelopment under this scheme as per the list given below:-

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Rajasthan	85	Abu Road, Ajmer, Alwar, Anupgarh, Asalpur Jobner, Balotra, Bandikui, Baran, Barmer, Bayana, Beawar, Bharatpur, Bhawani Mandi, Bhilwara, Bijainagar, Bikaner, Bundi, Chanderiya, Chhabra Gugor, Chittorgarh Jn., Churu, Dakaniya Talav, Dausa, Deeg, Degana, Deshnoke, Dholpur, Didwana, Dungarpur, Falna, Fatehnagar, Fatehpur Shekhawati, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Gangapur City, Gogameri, Gotan, Govind Garh, Hanumangarh, Hindaun City, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalor, Jawai Bandh, Jhalawar City, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Kapasan, Khairthal, Kherli, Kota, Lalgarh, Mandal Garh, Mandawar Mahwa Road, Marwar Bhinmal, Marwar Jn., Mavli Jn., Merta Road, Nagaur, Naraina, Nim ka Thana, Nokha, Pali Marwar, Phalodi, Phulera, Pindwara, Rajgarh, Ramdevra, Ramganj Mandi, Rana Pratapnagar, Rani, Ratangarh, Ren, Ringas, Sadulpur, Sanganer, Sawai Madhopur, Shri Mahaveerji, Sikar, Sojat Road, Somesar, Sri ganganagar, Sujangarh, Suratgarh, Udaipur City, Raisinghnagar

Tenders have been awarded for the redevelopment of Nagaur and Didwana stations of Nagaur Parliamentary Constituency and works have started at these stations. Further, development/redevelopment/upgradation 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 fiber cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, encroachments, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed 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 at this stage.

Five Railway Stations, viz. Rani Kamlapati Station of West Central Railway, Gandhinagar Capital station of Western Railway, Sir M. Visveswaraya Terminal station of South Western Railway, first phase of Gomti Nagar Railway Station of North Eastern Railway and Ayodhya railway station of Northern Railway have been developed and commissioned.

The allocation of funds and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/UT-wise or Station-wise, generally under Plan Head - 53 'Customer Amenities'. Rajasthan State is served by Northern Railway, North Central Railway, West Central Railway, Western Railway and North Western Railway. During the year 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, a total expenditure of ₹5092.94 crores has been incurred by these railways under Plan Head-53.