

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1506
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

INSUFFICIENT PLATFORMS AT SAHARANPUR RAILWAY STATION

† 1506. SHRI IMRAN MASOOD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by the people due to inadequate number of platforms at Saharanpur Railway Station;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that the long distance trains are continually detained at the outer signals for longer duration because of inadequate number of platforms at the stations;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of platforms at the said Railway Station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

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. 1506 BY SHRI IMRAN MASOOD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING INSUFFICIENT PLATFORMS AT SAHARANPUR RAILWAY STATION.

(a) to (c): At present, 6 platforms are available for passengers which are adequate for present level of passenger traffic handled at this station.

(d) & (e): Improvement in Customer Amenities, including platforms at stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, feasibility, inter-se priority and availability of funds etc.

Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway 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, platform surfacing and cover over platform, 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 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 ballastless tracks etc., as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far 1324 stations have been identified under this scheme including Saharanpur Railway station. Tenders have been awarded for redevelopment of Saharanpur Railway station and work has started.

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, air-port clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, 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.
