GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1544 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024

AMRIT BHARAT SCHEME FOR ODISHA

1544. SHRI ANANTA NAYAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present status of upgradation work undertaken under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for the State of Odisha, Stationwise particularly in the Keonjhar district;

(b) the details of the total amount of funds sanctioned by the Government for upgradation of stations under the said scheme for the State of Odisha during last fiscal year and the present fiscal year;

(c) the details of the total amount of funds released and utilized for development and upgradation of railway stations in the State of Odisha;

(d) whether the railways has announced a host of new train services under Antodaya, Humsafar, Tejas and Uday; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the number of trains announced for the State of Odisha under the said services?

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. 1544 BY SHRI ANANTA NAYAK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING AMRIT BHARAT SCHEME FOR ODISHA.

(a) to (c) Ministry of Railways has recently launched Amrit Bharat Station scheme. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

This scheme 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 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 railway stations have been identified under the scheme, out of which 59 stations are located in the State of Odisha. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the State of Odisha are as below:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Odisha	59	Angul, Badampahar, Balangir, Balasore, Balugaon, Barbil, Bargarh Road, Baripada, Barpali, Belpahar, Betnoti, Bhadrak, Bhawanipatna, Bhubaneswar, Bimlagarh, Brahmapur, Brajrajnagar, Chatrapur, Cuttack, Damanjodi, Dhenkanal, Gunupur, Harishanker Road, Himgir, Hirakud, Jajpur-

Keonjhar road, Jaleswar, Jaroli, Jeypore,
Jharsuguda, Jharsuguda Road, Kantabanji,
Kendujhargarh, Kesinga, Khariar Road, Khurda
road, Koraput, Lingaraj Temple Road,
Mancheswar, Meramandali, Muniguda, New
Bhubaneswar, Panposh, Paradeep, Parlakhemundi,
Puri, Raghunathpur, Rairakhol, Rairangpur,
Rajgangpur, Rayagada, Rourkela, Sakhi Gopal,
Sambalpur, Sambalpur city, soro, Talcher, Talcher
Road, Titlagarh Jn.

The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not state-wise or station-wise or scheme-wise. Development of stations and provision of Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 'Customer Amenities'. The State of Odisha spreads across 03 Zones, namely East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway, and South East Central Railway. During the last year i.e 2023-24 and current financial year i.e 2024-25, a total allocation of ₹ 2675.42 crore has been made and expenditure incurred for same upto June 2024 is ₹957.71 crore for these 03 zones under Plan Head – 53 'Customer Amenities'.

(d) and (e) Indian Railways (IR), to cater to different segments of passengers, operates various types of regular time-tabled trains including Antyodaya, Humsafar, Tejas and Uday Express services. However, as the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, train services are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries.

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