

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 371
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

UPGRADATION OF DAHOD RAILWAY STATION IN GUJARAT

371. SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposal for upgradation of railway station at Dahod in Gujarat which has been declared a smart city;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for increasing the number of platforms during renovation of Dahod and nearby railway station; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 371 BY SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF DAHOD RAILWAY STATION IN GUJARAT

(a) to (d) 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 Railway Stations have been identified under this scheme including Dahod Railway Station in the State of Gujarat. At Dahod Railway station tenders have been awarded and the works for improvement of station building, provision of foot over bridges, construction of new platform, platform cover sheds, signages, waiting hall, toilets etc. have been taken up.

However, 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.
