

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

MAXIMUM UTILISATION OF PRIME LANDS

413. SHRI Y S AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to maximise the utility of its prime lands abutting railway stations by replacing decades-old sparsely distributed buildings with multistorey structures as city centres and master plans are being prepared for station development across the railway network, as cities generally grow around railway stations whereas the constructions around stations were filled with several decades-old low-heights buildings;**
- (b) if so, the details of such lands identified and progress made thereon, zone-wise especially in South Central Railways;**
- (c) whether in view of the prime location of the station, it provides an opportunity to go for dense utilisation and redevelop the entire area in such a manner that the whole place becomes much more useful for the citizens and in turn it brings value to railways, so that station becomes the 'City Centre' and stop encroachment into vacant railway lands; 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. 413 BY SHRI Y S AVINASH REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING MAXIMUM UTILISATION OF PRIME LANDS

(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.

As of now, 1324 stations have been identified under this scheme, with 119 stations located in the South Central Railway region.
