

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 222
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024**

PLATFORM RELATED WORKS IN TELANGANA

***222 DR. KADIYAM KAVYA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway Station Platform related works in Telangana which are planned, in progress and its commissioning target for the current year, division and section-wise;

(b) the details of construction of new platforms, digital clocks with GPS sync, coach guidance display boards, coaches, summary display boards, public announcement system, CCTV deployment, Wi-Fi, escalator, drinking water facilities and washroom facilities; and

(c) the details of special arrangements made for women and specially challenged people?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 222 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024

(a) to (c) 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 and persons with reduced mobility such as entrance ramps, accessible parking, low height ticket counters, help booths, toilets, drinking water booths, sub-ways/foot over bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for persons with visual impairment, etc., sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, etc. as

per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far 1337 stations have been identified under this scheme out of which 40 stations are located in the state of Telangana. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Telangana are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Names of Stations
Telangana	40	Adilabad, Basar, Begumpet, Bhadrachalam Road, Gadwal, Hafizpet, Hi-tech City, Huppuguda, Hyderabad, Jadcherla, Jangaon, Kacheguda, Kamareddi, Karimnagar, Kazipet Jn, Khammam, Lingampalli, Madhira, Mahabubabad, Mahbubnagar, Malakpet, Malkajgiri, Manchiryal, Medak, Medchal, Miryalaguda, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Peddapalli, Ramagundam, Secunderabad, Shadnagar, Sri Bala Brahmeswara Jogulamba, Tandur, Umdanagar, Vikarabad, Warangal, Yadadri, Yakutpura, Zahirabad

During the current year (2024-25), high level passenger platforms have been constructed at three stations in the state of Telangana viz.

Hafizpet, Karimnagar and Mahabubnagar Town Halt, and platform works have been taken up at 46 stations.

In order to facilitate easy movement of elderly, sick passengers and Divyangjans and for smooth access to platforms, 67 lifts at 28 stations and 34 escalators at 9 stations have been provided in the state of Telangana. In addition, Digital Clocks with GPS SYNC have been provided at 176 stations, Coach Guidance Display Boards have been provided at 33 stations, Public Announcement System has been provided at 183 stations and Wifi has been provided at 176 stations in the state. Also, 367 CCTV cameras have been installed at 17 stations across Telangana to strengthen the security at railway stations.

Further, development/upgradation of stations and amenities for passengers including facilities for women and differently abled persons (Divyangjans) is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. The priority for provision/upgradation of amenities is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

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

brownfield 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 tracks and high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

The works of passenger amenities and station development are generally carried out under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise under Plan Head-53 and not station-wise or section-wise or State/UT-wise. The state of Telangana is covered by South Central Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for this zone is Rs 789 Crores.
