

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**RAILWAY BRIDGE BETWEEN GUWAHATI-AMINGAON OVER
BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER**

***331 SHRI PHANI BHUSAN CHOUDHURY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for revival of the old stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision for laying foundation stone for the new railway bridge between Guwahati-Amingaon over river Brahmaputra; 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 LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 331 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024

(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 centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified under this scheme, out of which 50 stations are located in the state of Assam. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Assam are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Names of Stations
Assam	50	Amguri, Arunachal, Chaparmukh, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Diphu, Duliajan, Fakiragram Jn, Gauripur, Gohpur, Golaghat, Gosai Gaon Halt, Guwahati, Haibargaon, Harmuti, Hojai, Jagiroad, Jorhat Town, Kamakhya, Kokrajhar, Lanka, Ledo, Lumding, Majbat, Makum Jn, Margherita, Mariani, Murkeongselek, Naharkatiya, Nalbari, Namrup, Narangi, New Bongaigaon, New Haflong, New Karimganj, New Tinsukia, North Lakhimpur, Pathsala, Rangapara North, Rangiya Jn, Sarupathar, Sibsagar Town, Silapathar, Silchar, Simaluguri, Tangla, Tinsukia, Udalguri, Viswanath Chariali

Tenders for development works have been awarded for 48 Amrit stations in the state of Assam and works have been taken up. The projects have exhibited good pace of execution. For example,

- At Haibargaon station, structural works of new service building, parking and entry-exit gate have been completed and works of improvement of existing station building, platform shelters, circulating area, approach road, pay & use toilet, construction of porch, etc. have been taken up.**
- At Gauripur station, structural works of station building and waiting room have been completed and works of improvement of circulating area, Foot Over Bridge, etc. have been taken up.**

- **At Hojai station, works of improvement of existing station building, platform shelters, parking area, approach road, construction of new service building, pay & use toilets, porch, entry-exit gate, boundary wall, etc. have been taken up.**
- **At Lanka station, works of construction of new service building, pay & use toilets, entrance porch, entry-exit gate, Foot Over Bridge, boundary wall, improvement of existing station building, platform shelters, parking area, approach road, etc. have been taken up.**
- **At Fakiragram station, structural works of new station building and approach road have been completed and works of construction of new Foot Over Bridge, improvement of platform shelter, circulating area, etc. have been taken up.**

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.

Further, development/upgradation of stations and amenities for passengers is a continuous and ongoing 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 / upgradation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or station-wise or State-wise. The state of Assam is covered by Northeast Frontier Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for this zone is Rs 530 Crores.

New Rail-cum-Road bridge at Saraighat

The work of "Doubling of Agthori – Kamakhya section with construction of new Rail-cum-Road bridge at Saraighat (7.062 Km)" is sanctioned at a cost of Rs 1,473.77 Crores on 19.02.2024. Detailed design and drawing of this bridge has been taken up.
