

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1394
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

UPGRADATION OF CHANDIGARH RAILWAY STATION

1394. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the upgradation of Chandigarh Railway Station;**
- (b) the details of budgetary allocation and utilization for the renovation of the Railway Station, phase-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has set a timeline for the completion of the renovation work, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay; and**
- (d) the reason for halting the renovation work, the time by which the Government plans to resume it, and the expected timeline for its completion?**

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. 1394 BY SHRI MANISH TEWARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF CHANDIGARH RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways has identified Chandigarh Station as one the of the stations for redevelopment under 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for a total cost of approx ₹436 Cr. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach.

The work for redevelopment of Chandigarh Railway station has progressed well and the structural works for station building at Punchkula Side and Chandigarh Side have been completed. The works of air concourse, foot over bridges, parking, finishes of station buildings etc have also been taken up.

Further, development/redevelopment of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport 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, 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. Renovation/redevelopment work of Chandigarh Railway Station has not been stopped since it started on 11.01.2023.
