GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1597 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

INCLUSION OF PEN RAILWAY STATION IN THE AMRIT BHARAT STATION

1597. SHRI TATKARE SUNIL DATTATREY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include the Pen Railway Junction under Central Railway in the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to develop railway stations under the Central Railway in Raigad district of Mahararshtra as some of the stations are receiving a huge footfall and are the fastest growing junction;
- (d) the measures taken to provide the basic amenities in the fastest growing railway stations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1597 BY SHRI TATKARE SUNIL DATTATREY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING INCLUSION OF PEN RAILWAY STATION IN THE AMRIT BHARAT STATION

(a) to (e) 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 station have been identified under this scheme out of which 132 stations are located in the state of Maharashtra, including one station in Raigad district viz. Panvel. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Maharashtra are as following:

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| State | No. of Stations | Name of Stations |
| Maharash tra | 132 | Ahmednagar, Ajni (Nagpur), Akalkot Road, Akola, Akurdi, Amalner, Amgaon, Amravati, Andheri, Aurangabad, Badnera, Balharshah, Bandra Terminus, Baramati, Belapur, Bhandara Road, Bhokar, Bhusawal, Borivali, Byculla, Chalisgaon, Chanda Fort, Chandrapur, Charni Road, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Chinchpokli, Chinchwad, Dadar (DDR), Dadar (DR), Dahisar, Daund, Dehu Road, Devlali, Dhamangaon, Dharangaon, Dharmabad, Dhule, Diva, Dudhani, Gangakher, Godhani, Gondia, Grant Road, Hadapsar, Hatkanangale, Hazur Sahib Nanded, Himayatnagar, Hinganghat, Hingoli Deccan, Igatpuri, Itwari, Jalgaon, Jalna, Jeur, Jogeshwari, Kalyan, Kamptee, Kandivali, Kanjur Marg, Karad, Katol, Kedgaon, Kinwat, Kolhapur, Kopargaon, Kurduwadi, Kurla, Lasalgaon, Latur, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Lonand, Lonavla, Lower Parel, Malad, Malkapur, Manmad, Manwath Road, Marine Lines, Matunga, Miraj, Mudkhed, Mumbai Central, Mumbra, Murtajapur, Nagarsol, Nagpur, Nandgaon, Nandura, Narkher, Nasik |

| State | No. of Stations | Name of Stations |
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| | | Road, Osmanabad, Pachora, Palghar, Pandharpur, Panvel, Parbhani, Parel, Parli Vaijnath, Partur, Prabhadevi, Pulgaon, Pune Jn., Purna, Raver, Rotegaon, Sainagar Shirdi, Sandhurst Road, Sangli, Satara, Savda, Selu, Sewagram, Shahad, Shegaon, Shivaji Nagar Pune, Solapur, Talegaon, Thakurli, Thane, Titvala, Tumsar Road, Umri, Uruli, Vadala Road, Vidyavihar, Vikhroli, Wadsa, Wardha, Washim, Wathar, Nandurbar, Phaltan |

The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The state of Maharashtra is covered by four zones viz. Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway and Western Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for these zones is Rs 4406 Crores.

Further, Upgradation/ modernization of stations on Indian Railways 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 upgradation/modernization of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.
