

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 277
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

AIM OF AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME IN PUNJAB AND BIHAR

**277. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:
SHRI AMRINDER SINGH RAJA WARRING:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Amrit Bharat Station Scheme which aims to revitalize railway stations by transforming them into modern, sustainable, and accessible spaces;

(b) kinds of upgrades in the scheme prioritized, such as platforms, passenger amenities, or digital services on the said stations;

(c) the details of specific stations that are benefiting from this scheme and improvements have impacted passengers and local economies;

(d) whether any re-development activities have been undertaken by the Government for railway stations in Punjab and Bihar under the said scheme ;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether any deadline/target date and budget was set by the Government for the completion of the projects and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 277 BY SHRI ANURAG SHARMA, SHRI AMRINDER SINGH RAJA WARRING, SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING AIM OF AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME IN PUNJAB AND BIHAR

(a) to (f) 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.

So far 1337 station have been identified under this scheme out of which 30 stations are located in the state of Punjab and 98 Stations are located in the state of Bihar. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the states of Punjab and Bihar are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Punjab	30	Abohar, Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib, Beas, Bhatinda Jn, Dhandari Kalan, Dhuri, Fazilka, Firozpur Cantt, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar

		City, Kapurthala, Kotkapura, Ludhiana, Malerkotla, Mansa, Moga, Muktsar, Nangal Dam, Pathankot Cantt., Pathankot City, Patiala, Phagwara, Phillaur, Rup Nagar, Sangrur, SASN Mohali, Sirhind
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State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Bihar	98	Anugraha Narayan Road, Ara, Bakhtiyarpur, Banka, Banmankhi, BapudhamMotihari, Barahiya, Barauni, Barh, Barsoi Jn, Begusarai, Bettiah, Bhabua Road, Bhagalpur, Bhagwanpur, Bihar Sharif, Bihiya, Bikramganj, Buxar, Chausa, Chhapra, Dalsingh Sarai, Darbhanga, DauramMadhepura, Dehri On Sone, Dholi, Dighwara, Dumraon, Durgauti, Fatuha, Gaya, Ghorasahan, Guraru, Hajipur Jn, Jamalpur, Jamui, Janakpur Road, Jaynagar, Jehanabad, Jhanjharpur, Kahalgaon, Karhagola Road, Katihar, Khagaria Jn, Kishanganj, Kudra, Labha, Laheria Sarai, Luckeesarai, Lakhminia, Madhubani, Maheshkhunt, Mairwa, Mansi Jn, Mokama, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Nabinagar Road, Narkatiaganj, Naugachia, Paharpur, Patliputra, Patna, Piro, Pirpanti, Rafiganj, Raghunathpur, Rajendra Nagar, Rajgir, Ram Dayalu Nagar, Raxaul, Sabaur, Sagauli, Saharsa, Sahibpur Kamal, Sakri, Salauna, Salmari, Samastipur, Sasaram, Shahpur Patoree, Shivanarayanpur, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Simultala, Sitamarhi, Siwan, Sonpur Jn., Sultanganj, Supaul, Taregna, Thakurganj, Thawe, Arariya Court, Chakia, Nawadah, Motipur, Ekma, Mashrakh

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 Punjab is covered by two zones viz. Northern Railway and North Western Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for these zones is Rs 4196.55 Crores.

The state of Bihar is covered by four zones viz. Eastern Railway, East Central Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for these zones is Rs 2166.36 Crores.

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