

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 311
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

UPGRADATION OF DIPHU RAILWAY STATION

311 SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any plan for upgradation of Diphu Railway Station located at Diphu in the District Headquarter under the Administrative jurisdiction of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council to state of the Art facilities;

(b) whether the Government has taken any step for providing facilities of 24 x 7 Online Railway Ticket Booking at Diphu Railway Station, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has receive the demands of the people at Diphu requesting that the train, Rajdhani be stopped at Diphu Railway Station at least for two minutes; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

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. 311 BY SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF DIPHU RAILWAY STATION.

(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 centres at the station in the long term.

So far 1337 station have been identified under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 50 stations, including Diphu station 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	Name of Stations
Assam	50	Amguri, Arunachal, Chaparmukh, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Diphu, Duliajan, Fakiragram Jn., Gauripur, Gohpur, Golaghat, Gosai gaon halt, 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, Guwahati
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For development works at Diphu station, tenders have been awarded and works of improvement of circulating area, parking facilities, covered pathways, road improvement, etc. have been taken up.

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 Assam is covered by Northeast Frontier Railway zone. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for this zone is Rs 530.48 Crores.

Unreserved ticketing counter is available 24x7 and reserved ticketing counter is available from 08:00 to 20:00 hrs at Diphu Railway station. However, online reserved and unreserved ticketing facility is available 24x7, except during the scheduled maintenance period.

Presently, Diphu station is being served by 19 pairs of train services including 15909/15910 Lalgah - Dibrugarh Awadh Assam Express (Daily) providing connectivity to Delhi. Further, 20503/20504 Dibrugarh - New Delhi Rajdhani Express and 12423/12424 Dibrugarh - New Delhi Rajdhani Express have scheduled stoppages at Dimapur (37 km)/Lumding (37 km), from where the passengers may avail these services. Besides, provision of stoppages of train services, including Rajdhani train services, is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.
