

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 421
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

MODERNISATION OF AMRITSAR RAILWAY STATION

421. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to modernise and development of Amritsar Railway Station into a world-class facility; and

(b) if so, the details on planned developments, funding allocations, or timelines for the modernisation of Amritsar Railway Station?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 421 BY SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF AMRITSAR RAILWAY STATION

(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. Amritsar is one of the stations identified for development under this scheme.

This scheme 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, 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, identification of areas for property development and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

Amritsar Railway Station is at Master Planning stage. Master Planning is an iterative process requiring optimisation and the details and time frame for such optimisation cannot be provided at this stage.

The allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/UT-wise or Station-wise, generally under Plan Head - 53 'Customer Amenities'. As Amritsar Railway Station falls under the jurisdiction of Northern Railway (NR), the allocation under Plan-Head-53 for Northern Railway in Budget 2024-25 is ₹3448.35 Crores.
