GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 189 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025

AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME

†*189. SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and the manner in which the said scheme is likely to provide better passenger experiences in Indian Railways;
- (b) whether the said scheme has been introduced for the redevelopment of stations in the country particularly in Dausa Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any provision for small stalls on the stations being constructed under the said scheme and reservation is also likely to be provided for the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the names of the companies awarded works under the said scheme along with the standards laid in this regard;
- (e) whether there is any plan to increase the number of general passenger coaches in trains to improve passenger amenities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 189 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025

(a) to (f) Bandikui, Dausa, Mandawar Mahwa Road and Rajgarh railway stations, located in Dausa Parliamentary Constituency in the state of Rajasthan, have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. For development works at these stations, tenders have been awarded and works have been taken up.

At Bandikui station, works of construction of new station building, waiting hall, improvement of circulating area and toilets have been completed and works of construction of foot over bridge, platform shelter, improvement of platform surfacing, provision of lift, etc. have been taken up.

At Dausa station, works of improvement of station building, waiting hall, circulating area, toilets and provision of platform shelters have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge and provision of lift have been taken up.

At Mandawar Mahwa Road station, works of construction of new entrance porch, improvement of station building, entry gate, circulating area, parking area, approach road, toilet block, provision of platform shelter and facilities for Divyangjans have been completed and works of improvement of signages, station furniture, etc. have been taken up.

At Rajgarh station, works of improvement of station building, waiting hall, circulating area, toilets and provision of platform shelters have been completed and work of construction of new foot over bridge has been taken up.

Amrit Bharat Station 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 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 85 stations are located in the state of Rajasthan. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Rajasthan are as following:

	No. of	
State	Amrit	Names of Amrit Stations
	Stations	
Rajasthan	85	Abu Road, Ajmer, Alwar, Anupgarh, Asalpur Jobner, Balotra, Bandikui, Baran, Barmer, Bayana, Beawar, Bharatpur, Bhawani Mandi, Bhilwara, Bijainagar, Bikaner, Bundi, Chanderiya, Chhabra Gugor, Chittorgarh Jn, Churu, Dakaniya
		Talav, Dausa, Deeg, Degana, Deshnoke, Dholpur, Didwana, Dungarpur, Falna, Fatehnagar, Fatehpur Shekhawati, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Gangapur City, Gogameri, Gotan, Govind Garh, Hanumangarh, Hindaun City, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalor, Jawai Bandh, Jhalawar City, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Kapasan, Khairthal, Kherli, Kota, Lalgarh, Mandal Garh, Mandawar Mahwa Road, Marwar Bhinmal, Marwar Jn, Mavli Jn, Merta Road, Nagaur, Naraina, Nim Ka Thana, Nokha, Pali Marwar, Phalodi, Phulera, Pindwara, Raisinghnagar, Rajgarh, Ramdevra, Ramganj Mandi, Rana Pratapnagar, Rani, Ratangarh, Ren, Ringas, Sadulpur, Sanganer, Sawai Madhopur, Shri Mahaveerji, Sikar, Sojat Road, Somesar, Sri Ganganagar, Sujangarh, Suratgarh, Udaipur City

Development / upgradation / modernisation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise. The state of Rajasthan is covered under five zones viz. Northern Railway, North Western Railway, North Central Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of Rs 5,369 Crores

(Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2024-25 under Plan Head-53 and an expenditure of Rs 4,009 Crores has been incurred during 2024-25 (up to January, 2025).

To cater to the requirement of the passengers at stations, provision of adequate catering/vending facilities is made available at each station. Catering/vending units are accordingly provided at stations under the framework of extant policy guidelines in vogue.

Indian Railways constantly endeavours to cater the demand of all class of passengers including general class passengers and accordingly, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains provides for 12 (Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non- AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches, to provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches.

With a view to augment the accommodation and for the benefit of passengers travelling in unreserved coaches, about 1200 General Class coaches have been attached, in the Mail/Express trains operating with Linke-Hofmann-Busch (LHB) coaches during the current financial year. Keeping in view increased demand, Indian Railways have planned to manufacture 17,000 non-AC Coaches including General Class and Sleeper Class Coaches.

Besides, of the total number of Coaches being presently utilized for running of train services, two-thirds are non-AC, and one-third are AC variants. Additionally, Indian Railways have introduced Amrit Bharat services, which have modern State-of the Art technology, are equipped with advanced features like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc. These services, which are fully non-AC trains, presently comprising 12 Sleeper Class Coaches and 8 General Class coaches, are providing high quality services to the passengers.
