

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

PERMANENT HOLDING AREAS AT RAILWAY STATIONS

**2120. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE:
SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted investigation to stampede that led to the deaths of 18 people at New Delhi railway station;**
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has decided to develop permanent holding areas at various railway stations across the country;**
- (d) if so, the details of the railway stations identified for development of permanent holding areas particularly in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, State-wise;**
- (e) whether the Government has decided to integrate these holding areas into the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme;**
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (g) the timeline fixed for development of permanent holding areas?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (g): A High-level inquiry committee has been constituted for investigation into the incident at New Delhi station. Provision and

upgradation of amenities at railway stations is a continuous and ongoing exercise. Indian Railways take various measures for crowd handling from time to time based on the requirements of the station. For example, waiting areas were created outside stations in recent times for handling large crowds at Udhna, Patna, New Delhi and nine stations in Prayagraj area. Based on the experience gained at these stations pilot projects have been taken up for New Delhi, Anand Vihar, Varanasi, Ayodhya and Ghaziabad stations. Other measures for handling large crowds include access control, ticket checking, CCTV cameras, war rooms, improvement to announcement systems, digital communications etc. which is a continuous and ongoing exercise.
