

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3058
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025**

MODERNIZATION PLAN FOR KHARAGPUR RAILWAY STATION

3058. SMT. JUNE MALIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed any expansion or modernization plan of Kharagpur Railway Station in West Bengal;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it includes upgradation of passenger amenities, infrastructure development and multi-model transport integration; and**
- (d) if so, the details of the project including the budget and timeline for the same?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) Kharagpur railway station located in the state of West Bengal has been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. For development works at this station, tenders have been awarded and the works of improvement of platform surfacing and platform shelters have been completed and the works of construction

of new station building, waiting hall, toilets, provision of lifts and escalators, improvement of circulating area, etc. have 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 101 stations are located in the state of West Bengal. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of West Bengal are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
West Bengal	101	Adra, Alipurduar Jn, Aluabari Road, Ambika Kalna, Anara, Andal Jn, Andul, Asansol Jn, Azimganj, Bagnan, Bally, Balurghat, Bandel Jn, Bangaon Jn, Bankura, Barabhum, Barasat, Barddhaman, Barrackpore, Belda, Berhampore Court, Bethuadahari, Bhaluka Road, Binnaguri, Bishnupur, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Burnpur, Canning, Chandan nagar, Chandpara, Chandrakona Road, Dalgaon, Dalkhola, Dankuni, Dhulian Ganga, Dhupguri, Digha, Dinhata, DumDum Jn, Falakata, Garbeta, Gede, Haldia, Haldibari, Harishchandrapur, Hasimara, Hijli, Howrah, Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, Jangipur Road, Jhalida, Jhargram, Joychandi pahar, Kaliyaganj, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kalyani Jn, Kamakhyaguri, Katwa Jn, Khagraghat Road, Kharagpur, Kolkata, Krishnanagar City Jn, Kumedpur, Madhukunda, Madhyamgram, Malda Court, Malda Town, Mecheda, Midnapore, Nabadwip Dham, Naihati Jn, New Alipurduar, New Cooch Behar, New Farakka, New Jalpaiguri, New Mal Jn, Ondagram, Panagarh, Pandabeswar, Panskura, Purulia Jn, Rampurhat, Ranaghat, Sainthia Jn, Salboni, Samsi,

		Santragachi, Sealdah, Shalimar, Shantipur, Sheoraphuli Jn, Siliguri, Sitarampur, Siuri, Sonarpur Jn, Suisa, Tamluk, Tarakeswar, Tulin, Uluberia
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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 and not work-wise or station-wise or state-wise. The state of West Bengal is covered under four zones viz. Eastern Railway, Northeast Frontier Railway, South Eastern Railway and Metro railway. For these zones, an allocation of Rs 1,450 Crores (Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2024-25 under Plan Head-53.

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