## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

#### **LOK SABHA**

## UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3107 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025

#### PPP MODEL FOR STATION REDEVELOPMENT

#### 3107. SHRI C N ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway stations identified for redevelopment under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model;
- (b) the total investment proposed and received so far under the PPP model for station redevelopment;
- (c) the list of private entities involved in these projects and the criteria for their selection;
- (d) the financial model being followed, including revenue-sharing mechanisms between the Government and private players:
- (e) the names of railway stations that have been successfully redeveloped under the PPP model so far;
- (f) the total funds allocated and utilized under these projects;
- (g) the major benefits expected from station redevelopment under the PPP model; and
- (h) the challenges faced in implementing PPP-based redevelopment and the steps taken to address them?

#### **ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (h): 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.

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 such 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 ballast less tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 Nos. of Stations have been identified under this scheme.

Ministry of Railways explored various models of development of stations including Public Private Partnership (PPP). Presently 15 nos. of stations have been identified for development on PPP model. Project formulation is a complex and iterative process requiring optimization and specific details regarding PPP cannot be given at this stage.

Development/re-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, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipelines, power/signal cables etc.) infringements, encroachments, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines, etc. PPP projects have additional aspects of business and financing issue.

Rani Kamalapati Station in the state of Madhya Pradesh has been developed and commissioned under PPP model.

Development / upgradation / modernization 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-wiseand not Work-wise or Station-wise. An allocation of ₹12,994 crores (Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2024-25 under Plan Head – 53 and an expenditure of ₹10,586 crores as been incurred during 2024-25 (upto February 2025).

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