GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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UPGRADED/BEAUTIFIED/RENOVATED RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the railway stations upgraded/beautified/renovated or in the process so far during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilized so far for upgradation/beautification of railway stations, State-wise/division-wise;
- (c) the details of expenditure incurred at each station and the percentage of work completed so far, division-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to complete the pending work at railway stations across various States of the country within the stipulated time?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d) Development/upgradation/modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for development/upgradation of

stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works. Presently, upgradation/development/modernization of railway stations is being carried out under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. This 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. Tenders for development works have been awarded for 1202 Amrit stations and works have been taken up. The projects have exhibited good pace of execution. For example,

- At Gandhinagar Jaipur station in the state of Rajasthan, structural works of both sides station buildings have been completed, girders of air concourse have been launched and deck slab has been casted and works of through roof and platform shelters, etc. have been taken up.
- At Jaipur Junction station in the state of Rajasthan, structural works of second entry building including basement have been completed and works of foot over bridges, main side station building, air concourse, etc. have been taken up.
- At Bharatpur station in the state of Rajasthan, works of improvement of platform surfacing, waiting hall, platform shelters, toilets and construction of new passenger reservation system (PRS) building have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, entrance porch, improvement of circulating area, etc. have been taken up.
- At Jaisalmer station in the state of Rajasthan, structural works
 of main station building have been completed, girder launching and
 deck slab casting of air concourse and foot over bridges have been
 completed and finishing works have been taken up.
- At Udaipur City station in the state of Rajasthan, structural works of east side station building have been completed and works of west side station building, air concourse, through roof, foot over bridge, skywalk, etc. have been taken up.
- At Nagpur station in the state of Maharashtra, structural works of East side departure and arrival building have been completed and works of construction of air concourse, administrative building on West side, new foot over bridge, etc. have been taken up.

- At Devlali station in the state of Maharashtra, works of construction of entrance gate and porch, boundary wall, development of parking & circulating area, toilets, provision of additional platform shelters, lift, improved furniture, horticulture works, amenities for Divyangjans, signages, improvement of platform surfacing and lighting arrangement have been completed.
- At Bhubaneshwar station in the state of Odisha, structural works
 of both sides side station buildings have been completed, air
 concourse girders have been launched and works of roofing of air
 concourse, elevated approach road, foot over bridge, etc. have been
 taken up.
- At Puri station in the state of Odisha, structural works of the front portion of the station building up to terrace level have been completed and structural works of the rear portion of the station building have been taken up.
- At Gaya station in the state of Bihar, structural works of West side departure and arrival building, East side departure building, East side pilgrimage building and multi-level two-wheeler parking have been completed and works of construction of concourse, new platform shelters, etc. have been taken up.
- At Bhilai station in the state of Chhattisgarh, works of improvement of waiting halls, concourse, platform surfacing, circulating area, parking area, approach road, construction of new entry gate, provision of amenities for Divyanagjan, extension of platform shelters, etc. have been completed.

Development/upgradation of stations 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. An allocation of Rs 12,994 Crores (Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2024-25 under Plan Head-53 and an expenditure of Rs 10,586 Crores has been incurred during 2024-25 (up to February, 2025).

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 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.
