GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4238 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

SELECTION OF SONEPAT AND JIND RAILWAY STATIONS UNDER ABSS

†4238. SHRI SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sonepat and Jind railway stations have been selected under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) for their upgradation as stations with world class facility and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the salient features and infrastructural improvement under this scheme in Jind and Sonepat railway stations including improvement in travel facilities, digital services and robust infrastructure;

(c) the details of the total budget allocated for the development of Jind and Sonepat railway stations under ABSS and the limit for the completion of the project; and

(d) whether the Government has received proposal for stoppage of train number 20807/20808 and 22455/22456 and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Sonipat and Jind railway stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Tenders for development works at these stations have been awarded and works have been taken up.

At Sonipat station, structural works of new station building have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, additional platform shelters, entrance porch, plumbing, sanitary and finishing works of station building, improvement of circulating area, etc. have been taken up.

At Jind station, structural works of station building have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, raising of platform, plumbing, sanitary and finishing works of station building, platform shelters, 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 long term.

So far, 1337 railway stations including 34 stations located in the state of Haryana have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The names of stations identified for development under this scheme in the state of Haryana are as following:-

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Haryana	34	Ambala Cantt, Ambala City, Bahadurgarh, Ballabhgarh, Bhattu, Bhiwani Jn, Charkhi Dadri, Faridabad, Faridabad NIT, Gohana, Gurugram, Hansi, Hisar, Hodal, Jind, Kalanwali, Kalka, Karnal, Kosli, Kurukshetra, Loharu, Mahendragarh, Mandi Adampur, Mandi Dabwali, Narnaul, Narwana, Palwal, Panipat, Pataudi Road, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa, Sonipat, Yamunanagar Jagadhari

Upgradation/development of railway stations, including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or station-wise or State-wise. Sonipat and Jind Railway stations fall under Northern Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 (Revised Estimate) under Plan Head-53 for this zone is Rs 1,531 Crores.

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.

Sonipat and Jind stations are presently being served by 56 and 79 train services respectively. Further, receipt of proposals and decisions thereon after due examination, is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, etc.

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