

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4242  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

**UPGRADATION OF AMRITSAR RAILWAY STATION**

**4242. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the current infrastructure is inadequate to handle increasing footfall efficiently in Amritsar Railway Station;**
- (b) whether there is an urgent need to modernize the station with world-class amenities, improved passenger facilities, enhanced security, visually appealing structure that reflects heritage city;**
- (c) whether any request has been received to grant a special financial package for comprehensive upgradation to boost tourism;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) proposed timeline, budget allocation for the said project; and**
- (f) whether the Government considers to provide special grant for transformation of Amritsar Railway Station into a world-class facility, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (f): Upgradation/Modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, inter-se priority, availability of funds etc.**

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**Amritsar Railway Station has 8 nos. high level platforms, 3 Foot Over Bridges, waiting hall, platform shelters, parking cum circulating area with lighting, adequate seating arrangement, resting facilities for passengers and toilet block etc.**

**In recent years, construction of platform shelter work, work of additional drinking water taps, additional seating arrangement and water cooler have been executed at Amritsar railway station.**

**Ministry of Railway has identified Amritsar Railway station as one of the stations for redevelopment under 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme'. 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, out of which 30 stations including Amritsar railway station are located in the state of Punjab. The list of station identified for development in the state of Punjab are as follows:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Name of Stations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Abohar, Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib, Beas, Bhatinda Jn, Dhandari Kalan, Dhuri, Fazilka, Firozpur Cantt, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar City, Kapurthala, Kotkapura, Ludhiana, Malerkotla, Mansa, Moga, Muktsar, Nangal Dam, Pathankot Cantt., Pathankot City, Patiala, Phagwara, Phillaur, Rup Nagar, Sangrur, SASN Mohali, Sirhind</b>

**Out of these 30 stations, the development works have been taken up on 25 stations.**

**Master planning of Amritsar Railway station has already been taken up. Master planning and project preparation is an iterative process requiring optimization and the details and time frame of such optimization cannot be indicated at this stage.**

**The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not Work-wise or Station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. Amritsar railway station in Punjab falls under Northern Railway Zone and the fund allocation to Northern Railway for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', for the year 2024-25 is ₹1531 Cr. (Revised Estimate).**

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