

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4306
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS AS SMART STATIONS

† 4306. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop the existing railway stations across the country as per international standards, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) the number of railway stations in the country particularly in Uttarakhand and border areas identified for upgradation as smart stations;**
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for redevelopment of all railway stations, particularly in Uttarakhand during the last three years, year/State-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government has set any target for the said redevelopment works; and**
- (e) the number of railway stations already upgraded or developed as the smart stations as per international standards during the last two years, year/State-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Stations. So far, 1337 Nos. of Stations across the country including 11 stations particularly in the State of Uttarakhand

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have been identified under this scheme. A list of identified stations in the state of Uttarakhand is given below:

SN	State	Count	Name of Stations
1	Uttarakhand	11	Dehradun, Haridwar Jn., Harrawala, Kashipur, Kathgodam, Kichha, Kotdwar, Lalkuan Jn., Ramnagar, Roorkee, Tanakpur

Out of these 11 stations, the development works have been taken up on 9 stations. The works at identified stations have been taken up with good pace. The progress at some of the above stations is as given below:

At Lalkuan station, the works of improvement of station architecture, raising & surfacing of Platform of no. 4, two & four-wheeler parking, platform resurfacing and water booths have been completed. The works of renovation of waiting hall, improvement to circulating area, entrance/exit gate, toilet block, relocation platform shelters, construction of foot over bridge have been taken up.

At Ramnagar station, the works of toilet block, extension of PRS building, water booths and improvement to parking area have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, waiting rooms, improvement of circulating area and entrance porch have been taken up.

At Kichha station, the works of raising & surfacing of platform no. 1 has been completed. The works of renovation of existing station building, construction of new station building with UTS, entrance/exit gate, improvement to waiting hall, toilet Block and platform shelter have been taken up.

At Kashipur Jn. station, the works of platform raising of PF no. 1, improvement to circulating area, parking area have been completed. The works of improvement to station building, provision of lifts, toilet block and relocation of platform shelter and entrance porch have been taken up.

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, 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.

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.

The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not state-wise or station-wise. Development of stations and provision of Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 'Customer Amenities'. Uttarakhand is catered by two

Zonal Railways viz. Northern Railway (NR) and North Eastern Railway (NER). Total funds allocated and expenditure incurred on these Railway Zones for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities' during the last three years and the current year(i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 (till feb'2025) are ₹5405.12 Cr and ₹4293.07Cr respectively.

Further, 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 pipe lines, 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. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.
