## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1754 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025

#### STATE-OF-ART FACILITIES IN TUGHLAKABAD RAILWAY STATION

#### †1754. SHRI RAMVIR SINGH BIDHURI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to convert the main and historic Tughlakabad railway station of South Delhi into a terminal and provide state-of-the-art facilities there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which it is proposed to restore the stoppage of Songaria Superfast train no. 20451 and 20452 and Jan Shatabdi Express train no. 12059 and 12060 at Tughlakabad station; and
- (d) the time by which the Government proposes to give relief to poor labourers as these trains are used by thousands of workers from South Delhi to go to their homes in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and now they have to board these trains from Nizamuddin or Faridabad which wastes at least two hours of time and the poor workers have to spend a lot of money?

#### **ANSWER**

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

### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) Tughlakabad, located on Delhi-Palwal section, is one of the major railway stations of Delhi area which include stations/terminals like New Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Anand Vihar Terminal, Delhi Junction,

Delhi Sarai Rohilla etc. Tughlakabad, located in South Delhi is at a distance of around 11 km from Hazarat Nizamuddin and around 18 km from New Delhi Station, inter alia catering to the needs of passengers bound for Kota. Presently, 30 train services are catering to the needs of passengers at Tughlakabad station.

At Tughlakabad railway station, the work of construction of a Divyangjan toilet at platform no. 1, ladies toilet, improvement of parking facilities, shelter of Foot Over Bridge, new water booth and new benches on platforms have been completed. The works of improvement of platform shelters of platform no. 1 and 2, shelter of Divyangjan parking and additional water booth have been taken up.

The development / redevelopment / 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 interse priority and availability of funds. The priority for development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernization of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

Further, Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for 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 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 center at the station in the long term.

Development / Upgradation / Modernization of stations is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The fund allocation of ₹ 12,118 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-26 under Plan Head – 53 and expenditure (up to June, 2025) of ₹ 2,612 crore has been incurred so far.

Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, Railway's own operational requirement, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw forward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds which is a continuous and ongoing process.

(c) & (d) Indian Railways remains sensitive to the travel needs of all passengers, including labourer's residing in South Delhi. Passengers of Tughlakabad may avail the services of 20451/20452 Sogaria-New Delhi Express and 12059/60 Kota-Hazarat Nizamuddin Jan Shatabdi Express from New Delhi/Hazarat Nizamuddin located near Tughlakabad. Besides, provision of stoppage of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification etc.

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