

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4389  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

**LIFTS AND ESCALATORS FOR SOLAPUR RAILWAY STATION**

**4389. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to install functional lifts and escalators on all platforms at Solapur Railway station and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether there is a plan to introduce EV transportation for senior and differently-abled passengers at the said station and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the measures taken/to be taken to regulate traffic and ensure safe, accessible entry and exit at the station premises?**

**ANSWER**

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

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**(a) to (c): Solapur station, located in the state of Maharashtra, has been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The works of improvement of circulating area, station building front elevation, drainage, entrance lobby, second entry booking office and circulating area, parking, improvement of waiting room, water booth,**

**toilet, platform surfacing and ramp for existing Foot Over Bridge have been completed. The works of new toilet block and Foot Over Bridge have been taken up. To enhance customer experience and provide better amenities, Indian Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.**

**At present, 02 escalators and 03 lifts have been provided at Solapur railway station.**

**The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations. The master planning includes:**

- Improvement of access to station and circulating areas**
- Integration of station with both sides of city**
- Improvement of station building**
- Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths**
- Provision of wider foot over bridge/air concourse commensurate with passenger traffic**
- Provision of lift/escalators/ramp**
- Improvement /Provision of platform surface and cover over platforms**
- Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product'**
- Parking areas, Multimodal integration**
- Amenities for Divyangjans**
- Better passenger information systems.**
- Provision of executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station**

**The scheme also envisages 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, including 132 stations located in the state of Maharashtra, have been identified for development under this scheme. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the State of Maharashtra are as following:**

<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Amrit Stations</b>	<b>Names of Amrit Stations</b>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>Ahmednagar, Ajni (Nagpur), Akalkot Road, Akola, Akurdi, Amalner, Amgaon, Amravati, Andheri, Badnera, Balharshah, Bandra Terminus, Baramati, Belapur, Bhandara Road, Bhokar, Bhusawal, Borivali, Byculla, Chalisgaon, Chanda Fort, Chandrapur, Charni Road, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Chinchpokli, Chinchwad, Dadar (CR), Dadar (WR), Dahisar, Daund, Dehu Road, Devlali, Dhamangaon, Dharangaon, Dharashiv, Dharmabad, Dhule, Diva, Dudhani, Gangakher, Godhani, Gondia, Grant Road, Hadapsar, Hatkanangale, Godhani, Gondia, Grant Road, Hadapsar, Hatkanangale, Hazur Sahib Nanded, Himayatnagar , Hinganghat, Hingoli Deccan, Igatpuri, Jalgaon, Jalna, Jeur, Jogeshwari, Kalyan</b>

		<b>Jn, Kamptee, Kandivali, Kanjur Marg, Karad, Katol, Kedgaon, Kinwat , Kopargaon, Kurduwadi Jn, Kurla Jn, Lasalgaon, Latur, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Lonand Jn, Lonavla, Lower Parel, Malad, Malkapur, Manmad Jn, Manwath Road , Marine Lines, Matunga, Miraj Jn, Mudkhed Jn, Mumbai Central, Mumbra, Murtizapur Jn, Nagarsol , Nagpur Jn, Nandgaon, Nandura, Nandurbar, Narkher Jn, Nashik Road, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Pachora Jn, Palghar, Pandharpur, Panvel Jn, Parbhani Jn, Parel, Parli Vaijnath, Partur, Phaltan, Prabhadevi, Pulgaon Jn, Pune Jn, Purna Jn, Raver, Rotegaon , Sainagar Shirdi, Sandhurst Road, Sangli, Satara, Savda, Selu , Sewagram, Shahad, Shegaon, Shivaji Nagar Pune, Shri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Terminus Kolhapur, Solapur, Talegaon, Thakurli, Thane, Titvala, Tumsar Road, Umri, Uruli, Vadala Road, Vidyavihar, Vikhroli, Wadsa, Wardha, Washim, Wathar</b>
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**Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Maharashtra have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, phase-I works of 15 stations (Amgaon, Chanda Fort, Chinchpokli, Devlali, Dhule, Kedgaon, Lasalgaon, Lonand Junction, Matunga, Murtizapur Junction, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Parel,**

**Savda, Shahad and Vadala Road) in the state of Maharashtra has been completed under this scheme. The works at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations is as given below:**

- Palghar station: The works of new platform shelter on platform no. 2/3, platform surfacing, new coping blocks and tactile pathway on platform no. 2/3 have been completed. The works of site preparation for new station building, new elevated deck and new Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.**
- Mumbra station: The works of platform flooring of platform no. 4, improvement of seating arrangement of platform no. 3, flooring of Foot Over Bridge, new toilet block, sewage treatment plant, development of circulating area on East side, improvement of ticket booking office and toilet block have been completed. The work of escalators on platform no. 1 has been taken up.**
- Diva station: The works of redevelopment of circulating area and parking on East side, improvement to station building on East side, new entry gate, improvement to Foot Over Bridge at East side, construction of new staircase for Foot Over Bridge at East side, platform shelter of platform no. 7/8, platform raising and flooring of platform no. 5/6 and 7/8, new toilet block and sewage treatment plant on West side have been completed. The works of new toilet block of platform no. 7/8 and new 6 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.**

**Indian Railways is committed to make its railway stations accessible for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility as part of “Sugamya Bharat Mission” or ‘Accessible India Campaign’ of Government of India. In compliance of the Rights of**

**Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, “Guidelines on accessibility of Indian Railway stations and facilities at stations for differently abled persons (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility” have been circulated and notified in the Gazette of India. The guidelines include provisions of facilities for Divyangjans and passengers with reduced mobility such as entrance ramps, accessible parking, low height ticket counters/help booths, toilets, drinking water booths, subways/foot over bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for visual impairment, etc. which are being provided in a phased manner and on the principles of reasonable accommodation.**

**Further development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation 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. The priority for development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.**

**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, 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.**

**Development / upgradation / modernisation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme 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. The state of Maharashtra is covered under the jurisdiction of four railway zones, namely Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway and Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 3,751 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-26, out of which an expenditure (up to July, 2025) of ₹ 1,170 crore has been incurred so far.**

**Further, following steps are being taken by the Railways in coordination with GRP/Local Police for safety and security of passengers at stations:**

**(i) For immediate assistance passengers can make complaint on Rail Madad Portal directly or through Helpline Number 139 (integrated with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) No. 112).**

**(ii) Railways are in regular touch with passengers through various social media platforms viz. twitter, facebook etc. to enhance security of passengers and to address their security concern.**

**(iii) Frequent announcements are made through Public Address System to educate passengers to take precautions against theft, snatching, drugging etc.**

**(iv) Surveillance is kept through CCTV cameras provided at railway stations for enhanced security of passengers.**

**(v) State Level Security Committee of Railways (SLSCR) have been constituted for all State/Union Territories under the Chairmanship of respective Director General of Police/Commissioner of States/Union**

**Territories for regular monitoring and review of security arrangements of the Railways.**

**(vi) Coordination with GRP/State Police and concerned railway departments are made for ensuring crowd management.**

**(vii) Vulnerability assessment is done across railway stations and accordingly Government Railway Police (GRP) & Railway Protection Force (RPF) staff are deployed to the extent possible at sensitive locations to regulate crowd smoothly during the heavy rush period and render real time assistance to passengers.**

**(viii) GRP & RPF staff is deployed at foot-over bridges to regulate crowd smoothly in order to avoid stampede like situation during the heavy rush period and render real time assistance to passengers.**

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