

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4429
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

MODERNISATION OF OLD RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals for modernising old railway stations to world class standards and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of stations modernised during the last five years under redevelopment plans;**
- (c) whether the recent upgradation projects are on time and within budget and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the specific steps to improve cleanliness, security and passenger facilities at busy junctions; and**
- (e) the targets set for completion of ongoing station redevelopment works?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (e): Development/upgradation 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.

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.

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 ballast less tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under this scheme. Presently, Phase-I work of 105 stations have been completed. The names of these stations are given below:

Ambikapur, Amgaon, Ayodhya Dham, Bagalkot, Baijnath Paprola, Balrampur, Bareilly City, Begumpet, Bhanupratappur, Bhilai, Bijnor, Bundi, Chanda Fort, Chidambaram, Chinchpokli, Chirayinkeezh, Cuttack, Dakor, Derol, Deshnoke, Devlali, Dharwad, Dhule, Dongargarh, Fatehabad, Fatehpur Shekhawati, Gadag, Gogameri, Gokak Road, Gola Gokarnath, Gomti Nagar, Govardhan, Govind Garh, Govindpuri, Govindpur Road, Haibargaon, Hathras City, Hapa, Idgah Agra Jn., Izzatnagar, Jam Jodhpur, Jam Wanthali, Joychandi Pahar, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kanalus Jn., Karamsad, Karimnagar, Katni South, Kedgaon, Kosamba Jn., Kulitturai, Lasalgaon, Limbdi, Lonand Jn., Mahe, Mahuva, Mailani, Mandal Garh, MandawarMahwa Road, Mandi Dabwali, Mannargudi, Matunga, Mithapur, Morbi, Munirabad, Murtizapur Jn., Narmadapuram (Hoshangabad), Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Okha, Orchha, Palitana, Panagarh, Parel, Pirpainti, Pokhrayan, Polur, Rajgarh, Rajmahal, Rajula Jn., Ramghat Halt, Saharanpur Jn., Samakhiali, Samalpatti, Sankarpur, Savda, Seoni, Shahad, Shajapur, Shridham, Siddharth Nagar, Sihor Jn., Srirangam, St.Thomas Mount, Sullurpeta, Suraimanpur, Swaminarayan Chappia, Thawe, Tiruvannamalai, Ujhani, Urkura, Utran, Vadakara, Vadala Road, Vriddhachalam Jn. & Warangal.

Development / upgradation of 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. An allocation of ₹12,118 crores has been made for the

financial year 2025-26 under Plan Head – 53 and an expenditure of ₹3701crores has been incurred during 2025-26 (till July, 2025).

Cleanliness at stations

Cleanliness is a continuous process and every endeavour is made to keep the stations premises in properly maintained and clean condition. Various measures have been taken for improving cleanliness at stations which includes:

- **Integrated housekeeping approach at major stations,**
- **Mechanized cleaning and provision of two bin type dustbins at several locations for segregation of bio-degradable and non-biodegradable wastes.**
- **Rag picking contracts and/or garbage disposal contracts are available at major stations.**
- **Prevention of falling of fecal matter on Railway tracks by fitting bio-toilets in all passenger coaches, thereby ensuring cleaner Railway Stations.**
- **Installation of plastic bottle crushing machines at major stations.**

Improvement of passenger facilities at railway stations including busy junctions is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, feasibility, inter-se priority and availability of funds etc.

Security measures at stations

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

- **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).

- **Railways are in regular touch with passengers through various social media platforms viz. twitter, facebook, koo etc. to enhance security of passengers and to address their security concern.**
- **Frequent announcements are made through Public Address System to educate passengers to take precautions against theft, snatching, drugging etc.**
- **Surveillance is kept through CCTV cameras provided in number of coaches and railway stations for enhanced security of passengers.**
- **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.**
- **Coordination with GRP/State Police and concerned railway departments are made for ensuring crowd management.**
- **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.**
- **GRP & RPF staff are 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.**
- **Intelligence units (Crime Intelligence Branch (CIB)/Special Intelligence Branch (SIB)) and plain cloth staff is deployed for**

collection of information of criminal and coordinated action is taken to ensure security of passengers.

Further, development/redevelopment/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 fiber 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 high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

Proposals/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal including those from Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Ministers of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations/rail users etc. are received at various levels Railway Administration viz. Division, Zonal Headquarter and Railway Board's level for redevelopment of existing stations, enhancement of passenger amenities/facilities of stations, etc., a compendium of which is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.
