

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4435
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the expected date of work completion of major railway stations which are being upgraded to “world class” standards with modern passenger amenities;**
- (b) the manner in which the Government ensuring that station redevelopment projects avoid cost overruns and delays; and**
- (c) whether there is a timeline for full electrification of all broad-gauge routes and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c): Ministry of Railways has launched ‘Amrit Bharat Station Scheme’ for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach.

To enhance customer experience and provide better amenities, Indian Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for re development 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. Till now, phase-I works of 105 stations have been completed under this scheme.

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.

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.

Indian Railways has a well established mechanism to monitor implementation of projects including their reviews, inspection, check for time and cost overruns, quality of works and audits. Monitoring of projects is done at various levels including through dedicated portal of Indian Railways named Indian Railway Project Sanction and Management (IRPSM). Works are carried out adhering to the standards and specifications laid down in various codes and manuals. Inspections/audits/checks are carried out from time to time by various agencies/officials/multi-disciplinary teams as per laid down instructions and actions for correction are taken immediately. The issues faced by the executing units are accordingly addressed. This is a continuous and ongoing process.

Electrification

Electrification of railway network on Indian Railways has been taken up in mission mode. So far, about 99% of Broad Gauge (BG) network has been electrified. The electrification in remaining network has been taken up. Electrification carried out during 2014-25 and before 2014 is as under.

Period	Route Kilometer
Before 2014 (about 60 years)	21,801
2014-25	46,900

The completion of Electrification project(s) depends on various factors like forest clearances by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law & order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s).
