

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 510
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

GUEST HOUSE/REST HOUSE AT SILCHAR RAILWAY STATION

†510. SHRI PARIMAL SUKLABAIDYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build a guest house or a rest house for the convenience of passengers at Silchar railway station;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to ensure availability of adequate railway quarters for railway employees at Silchar railway station;**
- (d) if so, the number of railway quarters proposed to be constructed;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to replace the local trains with DEMU racks running from Silchar railway station; and**
- (f) if so, the current status of this process and the deadline by which this process is likely to be implemented?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): 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.

At Silchar railway station located in the state of Assam, three retiring rooms (double-bedded) and one dormitory (six-bedded) are existing for convenience of the passengers. In recent years, various works related to passenger amenities have been executed at Silchar station which include improvement of platform surfacing, waiting hall, platform shelters, circulating area, approach road, provision of lifts, etc.

Further, Silchar railway station has been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. 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, 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 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 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 have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 50 stations are located in the state of Assam. The names of stations identified for development

under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Assam are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Assam	50	Amguri, Arunachal, Chaparmukh, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Diphu, Duliajan, Fakiragram Jn., Gauripur, Gohpur, Golaghat, Gosai Gaon Halt, Guwahati, Haibargaon, Harmuti, Hojai, Jagiroad, Jorhat Town, Kamakhya, Kokrajhar, Lanka, Ledo, Lumding, Majbat, Makum Jn, Margherita, Mariani, Murkeongselek, Naharkatiya, Nalbari, Namrup, Narangi, New Bongaigaon, New Haflong, New Karimganj, New Tinsukia, North Lakhimpur, Pathsala, Rangapara North, Rangiya Jn, Sarupathar, Sibsagar Town, Silapathar, Silchar, Simaluguri, Tangla, Tinsukia, Udalguri, Viswanath Chariali

Master planning for development of Silchar station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been taken up. This is an iterative process requiring optimization and the time frame for such optimization cannot 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. The state of Assam is covered by Northeast Frontier Railway. For this zone, an allocation of Rs 554 Crores has been made for the financial year 2025-26 under Plan Head-53.

At present, 243 Railway quarters are available at Silchar railway station, all of which are occupied by railway staff. Railway has identified the requirement of additional 100 no. staff quarters and work has been taken up for execution of work for construction of 22 new quarters in first phase.

Replacement of passenger trains with MEMU and DEMU services is an on-going process on Indian Railways, which is dependent on factors like operational feasibility, availability of MEMU/DEMU rakes, competing demands etc.
