

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1619
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025**

PANCHRUKHI RAILWAY STATION IN KANGRA DISTRICT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is receiving complaints against the poor condition of the Panchrukhi Railway Station in Kangra District of Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any survey of the said railway station has been conducted by the Government; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) At Panchrukhi station, platform shelter, waiting hall, drinking water taps, urinal, lavatories and seating arrangement amenities are available which are more than prescribed Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA) norms.

Further, upgradation/ modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken

as per requirement, inter-se priority, availability of funds etc. The priority for development/upgradation of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

Proposals / requests / suggestions / representations, both formal and informal for Railway projects/ Works across the country are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Members of Parliament, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations/ rail users etc., at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. Receipt of such proposals / requests/ suggestions/ representations is a continuous and dynamic process and these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time and centralized compendium for the same is not maintained.

Ministry of 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 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 04 stations including Palampur Himachal and Shimla stations of Kangra district, Baijnath Paprola and Amb Andaura stations, are located in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

Development works have been completed at Baijnath Paprola and Amb Andaura stations. Palampur Himachal and Shimla stations are under master planning.

Master Planning is an iterative process requiring optimization and the time frame and other details for such optimization cannot be indicated at this stage.

Development / Upgradation / Modernization of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not Work-wise or Station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The state of Himachal Pradesh is covered under the jurisdiction of one railway zone, namely Northern Railway. For this zone, an allocation of ₹ 2,216 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-26, out of which an expenditure of ₹ 919 crore has been incurred so far.
