

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6134
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2026**

PPP MODEL FOR SOUTH-EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY ZONE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway stations identified for redevelopment under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in the country, zone-wise;**
- (b) the current status of redevelopment for stations particularly under the South East Central Railway (SECR) zone including the stations earmarked for the PPP model versus those under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS);**
- (c) the details of total financial outlay sanctioned for the modernisation of major stations in the Shahdol, Umaratia and Anuppur districts of the SECR zone; and**
- (d) the details of the projected timeline for the completion of these redevelopment projects to provide world-class amenities to passengers in these regions?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

So far, 1,338 stations, including 15 stations in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, have been identified for redevelopment under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations. The master planning, keeping in view the necessity at each station, 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.**

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.

Out of 1338 stations, 50 stations fall under the jurisdiction of South East-Central Railway (SECR) Zone. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in SECR zone are as following:-

Zone	No. of Stations	Names of Stations
SECR	50	Akaltara, Ambikapur, Amgaon, Anuppur,

Zone	No. of Stations	Names of Stations
		Baikunthpur Road, Balaghat, Balod, Baradwar, Belha, Belpahar, Bhandara Road, Bhanupratappur, Bhatapara, Bhilai, Bhilai Nagar, Bhilai Power House, Bijuri, Bilaspur, Brajrajnagar, Champa, Chanda Fort, Chhindwara, Dallirajhara, Dongargarh, Durg, Gondia, Hathbandh, Himgir, Janjgir Naila, Kamptee, Korba, Mandir Hasaud, Mandla Fort, Marauda, Nainpur Jn, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Nipania, Pendra Road, Raigarh, Raipur Jn, Raj Nandgaon, Sarona, Seoni, Shahdol, Tilda-Neora, Tumsar Road, Umaria, Urkura, Uslapur, Wadsa

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, works of 208 stations have been completed under this scheme, which includes 14 stations (Ambikapur, Amgaon, Balaghat, Bhanupratappur, Bhilai, Champa, Chanda Fort, Chhindwara, Dongargarh, Nainpur Jn, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Sarona, Seoni, Urkura) of SECR Zone.

The activities for development at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations is as given below:

Anuppur station: The works of improvement of station building with entrance porch, development of circulating area, entry/ exit gate, additional platform shelters, platform surfacing, development of parking area, renovation of waiting areas, booking counter, toilets, dormitory, parcel office and installation of improved signage and train coach

indication boards have been completed. The works of station elevation lighting and landscaping have been taken up.

Shahdol station: The works of improvement of station building with entrance porch, development of circulating area, entry/ exit gate, additional platform shelters, development of parking area, renovation of waiting areas, booking counter and toilets have been completed. The works of installing CCTV cameras and train and coach indication boards have been taken up.

Umaria station: The works of improvement of station building with entrance porch, development of circulating area, landscaping, entry/ exit gate, additional platform shelters, platform surfacing, development of parking area, renovation of waiting areas, booking counter, toilets, CCTV and improved signage have been completed. The works of lifts and other finishing works have been taken up.

Bijuri station: The works of construction of platform shelters and drain have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, circulating area, platform surfacing, improvement of waiting area and toilets have been taken up.

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. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station are carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.

Ministry of Railways explored various models of development of stations including Public Private Partnership (PPP). Rani Kamalapati station in Madhya Pradesh has already been developed and commissioned under PPP model.

Out of 15 stations identified for development on PPP mode, the bid for redevelopment of Vijayawada station has been invited. The other 14 stations are at various stages of master planning and financial modelling.

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 station-wise or district-wise or State-wise. For South East Central Railway (SECR), a total allocation of ₹458.61 crores (RE) has been made for the financial year 2025-26 under Plan Head-53.

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.
