

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3036
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016**

PIT LINES AT COACHING DEPOT

3036. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has any plan to make pit lines at coaching depot of Puri to accommodate 24/26 coach length trains;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways proposes to extend the length of the existing platform line by shifting the old dilapidated station building by 100/150 meters and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Railways also proposes to convert the Puri railway station into a modern station with world class passenger amenities by constructing the station building and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Presently Railways have no plan to create additional pit line at Puri coaching depot. 3 pit lines of 26 coach length and 1 pit line of 24 coach length are already available at coaching depot of Puri.

(c): No, Madam. Presently, there is no such proposal.

(d): It has been planned to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations (about 400 stations) for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties with their design and business ideas duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways. The entire cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations. Guidelines in this regard have been issued to Zonal Railways. Puri railway station, being an 'A-1' category station, is also in the list offered for redevelopment once the modalities in this regard are put in place.
