

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1817
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

"52 REFORMS IN 52 WEEKS" INITIATIVE

**†1817. SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM:
SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched/implemented the "52 Reforms in 52 Weeks" initiative aimed at bringing comprehensive systemic reforms in the Railways;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof with a focus on improvement in operational efficiency, administration, transparency and service delivery in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;**
- (c) whether any independent assessment/performance audit has been conducted by the Government to evaluate the impact of these reforms and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to institutionalise the said reforms on long- term basis and ensure continuous improvement in efficiency, administration and passenger satisfaction in said States?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Indian Railways has planned to carry out 52 Reforms during 2026 relating to various areas such as customer service, maintenance of assets, train operations, passenger amenities, rolling stock production and quality, construction quality, health services, adoption of new technology etc., with the objective of bringing systemic improvements in efficiency, governance and service delivery.

The reforms would place a strong focus on safety through better training, disciplined operations, technology deployment and continuous monitoring. The initiative also envisages accelerated adoption of advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence, modern Signaling, new generation rolling stock and smarter maintenance practices, alongside a fundamental upgradation of maintenance standards to ensure long-term safety and reliability.

Reforms are planned in training and talent management through continuous skill upgradation, use of simulators and digital platforms, and linkage of training with career progression. Major improvements are planned in food quality, catering and onboard passenger services for better customer satisfaction. These reforms will have impact all over Indian Railways including the states of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
