

बक्सर स्टेशन पर अत्याधुनिक सुविधाएं

247. **श्री बशिष्ठ नारायण सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय ने कुछ स्टेशनों पर फूड प्लाजा और एटीएम आदि जैसी अत्याधुनिक सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने की योजना बनाई है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या बिहार में बक्सर रेलवे स्टेशन भी इसमें शामिल हैं,

(ग) इन सुविधाओं के अतिरिक्त वहां और कौन-कौन सी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करायी जायेंगी, और

(घ) इन सुविधाओं के कब तक क्रियाशील होने की संभावना हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. वेल्) : (क) से (घ) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

(क) से (घ) जी हां, भारतीय रेल, भारतीय रेल खानपान एवं पर्यटन निगम (आई.आर.सी.टी.सी.) के माध्यम से भारतीय रेल के सभी महत्वपूर्ण स्टेशनों पर, जिनमें बक्सर रेलवे स्टेशन भी शामिल है, यात्रियों को मानकीकृत खानपान सेवाएं मुहैया करवाने के उद्देश्य से फूड प्लाजा, फास्ट फूड इकाइयां, अल्पाहार कक्ष, चाय/नाश्ता बार, मिल्क पार्लर्स, स्वचालित वेंडिंग मशीनों और वाटर वेंडिंग मशीनों जैसी अत्याधुनिक खानपान सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था कर रही हैं। बक्सर स्टेशन पर स्वाचालित टैलर मशीन (ए टी एम) की व्यवस्था करने के संबंध में इस समय कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है, बक्सर स्टेशन पर फूड प्लाजा की व्यवस्था करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

बक्सर "ए" कोटि का स्टेशन है, जिसे निर्धारित मानदंडों के अनुसार मॉडल स्टेशन के रूप में विकसित किया गया है। भारतीय रेल पर वर्ष 2006-07 के दौरान आगे और सुधार हेतु चुने गए 334 स्टेशनों में बक्सर भी शामिल है। बक्सर स्टेशन पर वर्ष 2006-07 के दौरान 1.13 करोड़ रु की लागत पर स्टेशन इमारत के अग्रभाग, परिचलन क्षेत्र में सुधार, नवीकृत और आधुनिक "पे एंड यूज" शौचालय, प्लेटफार्म की सतह, बुकिंग, पूछताछ कार्यालय में सुधार और पीने के स्वच्छ पानी की सप्लाई आदि कार्य निष्पादित करने की योजना है।

State-of-the Art facilities at Buxur station

†*247. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has worked on a plan to provide State of the art facilities like food plazas and ATMs etc. at some railway station;
- (b) if so, whether this includes Buxur railway station in Bihar;
- (c) besides these facilities, what other facilities are to be provided there; and
- (d) by when these facilities are likely to start working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways are opening state-of-the-art catering facilities viz., Food Plazas, Fast Food Units, Refreshment Rooms, Tea/ Snack Bars, Milk Parlours, Automatic Vending Machines and Water Vending Machines at all important stations of Indian Railways including Buxur Railway station with a view to provide standardised catering facilities to the passengers through Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). At present, there is no proposal under consideration for installation of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) at Buxur station. Provision of Food Plaza at Buxur station is under consideration.

Buxur is an 'A' category station which has been developed as a model station as per prescribed norms. This station has also been identified for further improvements during 2006-07 as one of the 334 selected stations all over Indian railways. A work of improvement to facade of the station building, circulating area, renovated and modern pay and use toilets, improvement to platform surface, booking, enquiry office and supply of hygienic drinking water etc. is planned at a cost of Rs. 1.13 crores during 2006-07 at Buxur.

श्री बशिष्ठ नारायण सिंह : सभापति महोदय, बक्सर रेलवे स्टेशन उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार को जोड़ने वाले बड़े शहर पर स्थित हैं, और धार्मिक दृष्टि से और पर्यटन की दृष्टि से इस स्टेशन का

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

महत्व बहुत अधिक है। प्रत्येक वर्ष हजारों की संख्या में लोग यहां आते हैं और अन्य कई अवसरों पर भी यहां आते हैं। यह खुशी हुई है कि रेल विभाग ने मॉडल स्टेशन के रूप में इसको लेने का निर्णय किया है। जवाब में दिया गया है कि 2006-2007 तक इस स्टेशन का काम पूरा हो जाएगा। अभी जो बाहर की स्थिति है तथा वहां पर जो रिटायरिंग रूम है उसकी स्थिति भी अभी ठीक नहीं हुई है और खाने-पीने की वहां दिक्कत हो रही है। तो स्टेशन पर जो फूड प्लाजा है या जो खाने-पीने की स्थिति है और जो रिटायरिंग रूम हैं तो वे कब तक ठीक हो जाएंगे और रिटायरिंग रूम कब यात्रियों के रहने लायक हो जाएगा, मैं यह मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं ?

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, in the Railways, we have started saying that the year 2006 is the year of Serving the Passengers with a Smile. With this object in view, the allotment for passengers facilities in the Budget has almost doubled than what it was like Rs. 222 crore a year before last year, and it was Rs. 256 crore. This year, we have allotted Rs. 353 crore and we are going to further raise it based on the demand of Railways, for works, coming under passenger amenities. This Buxur Station is classified as A-Class as it has got more than Rs. 6 crore of revenue enquiry it is already classified as one of the model stations, that is, out of the 580 stations in the country. When things are moving, this year, we have further identified 334 stations as modern stations were 'touch and feel' items are being provided. What are those 'touch and feel' items which he is now asking for? It is developing the circulating area. They have got high mast lighting as well as concourse with lighting, improved platforms and improvement roofing, water, toilets and furniture and the retiring rooms and waiting halls. All these things will be done in the course of this year for which to the Divisional Manager can go ahead with Rs. 30 lakh for each item of works and there is no limit for him for all these works. Already, twelve items of work are going on there. The Railways have said, what is necessary as per prescribed norms is already available at that station. More work will be done, in the course of time, under the modernisation scheme.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Minister, he is very much interested in retiring rooms. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, retiring rooms, waiting rooms, plaza and the furniture will be renewed. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: When?

SHRI R. VELU: Before 31.3.2007 ...*(Interruptions)*. ..All these facilities which I have mentioned ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री बशिष्ठ नारायण सिंह : सभापति महोदय, मैंने सवाल केवल बक्सर रेलवे स्टेशन के विषय में मंत्री जी से पूछा है लेकिन विवरण बहुत विस्तार से दिया है और जो स्पेसिफिक क्वेश्चन मैंने किया था उसका केवल Vague में जवाब देने की कोशिश की है कि उसका करेंगे। सभापति महोदय, बक्सर स्टेशन के बाहर कंजेशन की स्थिति हो जाती है और वहां पर जमीन भी काफी है। तो क्या कोई मॉडल स्टेशन की बात आपने सोची है और उसको करने का निर्णय किया है? क्या आपकी कोई योजना है, कि बक्सर स्टेशन का जो व्यू हैं वहां का कंजेशन हटाने के लिए, उसकी आकृति को ठीक करने के लिए और उसका सौंदर्यकरण करने के लिए आपने अपनी स्कीम में इसको टेकअप करने का कोई निर्णय किया है?

SHRI R. VELU: I entirely concur with the hon. Member, and would like to inform him that the circulating areas at the railway stations will be widened, providing for parking and easy entry and exit facility. Secondly, he wants to know whether other facilities will also be provided for. Yes, this year, in respect of milk bar, 6 automatic vending machines and 3 water vending machines will be provided. A food plaza has also been planned. That food plaza will come into existence before 31.3.07. That is what I have mentioned. So far as congestion in that area is concerned, when the work is taken up, the congestion at the railway station will be eased. I entirely concur with the hon. Member that in order to ease congestion, there should be a provision for entry and exit points at the railway station. I would like to inform the hon. Member that both of us will jointly visit the Buxar railway station before 31.3.07 and satisfy ourselves in respect of all these provisions.

श्रीमती विप्लव ठाकुर : माननीय सभापति महोदय, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहती हूँ क्योंकि इन्होंने कहा है कि टूरिज्म के लिए 334 सलेक्टेड स्टेशन है और जो कालका से शिमला के लिए हेरिटेज रेलवे लाइन है और स्टेशन भी वहां हेरिटेज है, वहां पर एक बडौग स्टेशन था जहां के लिए फास्ट टनल से जाया जाता है, वह आज बहुत बुरी हालत में है। तो क्या वहां भी टूरिस्टों को ध्यान में रखते हुए उसका भी इम्प्रूवमेंट करेंगे क्योंकि उस लाइन में जितने स्टेशन आ रहे हैं और टूरिज्म पोइंट ऑफ व्यू से और हेरिटेज पोइंट ऑफ व्यू से वह रेलवे लाइन और वहां के स्टेशन बहुत इंपोर्टेंट हैं। यह मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहती हूँ?

श्री सभापति : एक मिनट प्लीज। माननीय सदस्य, आप इधर से जाते हैं, और इधर से ही आते हैं। आप नियमों से और परम्पराओं से परिचित हैं कि मेरे और मंबर के बीच में कोई सदस्य नहीं आना चाहिए।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : If everybody follows the rules, I will also follow ...(*Interruptions*)... The Members who are laughing, they should also follow the rules.

SHRI R. VELU: The hon. Member has mentioned about the heritage station on the Kalka-Shimla railway line. In fact, these days, we are classifying many heritage stations. Many of them are being designated by the UNESCO. For instance, the Nilgiri Mountain, which has been made a heritage last year. It has got a heritage value. As I mentioned earlier, this year, we have made great efforts. There is a great thinking going on in the Railways. We think big, we do big things, and we will definitely take into account the suggestion of the hon. Member. Out of Rs 440 crores which we are going to allot, a reasonable amount will be allotted to the said Railways, as I have mentioned, and things will improve.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, I wanted to know from the Minister one thing. The place where he is giving space for different facilities for passengers at the railway stations, whether the Government would consider having some outlets for the self-help groups; whether it is for catering, whether it is for stalls at the stations, because it is going to hand over such valuable property to big companies of the corporate sector, it would, at the same time, provide tremendous financial help to women, Sir, if self-help groups were given some space at the railway stations. So, can the Minister give any assurance on that.

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, we have asked the Railway Land Development Authority which has come into existence from 1st of November. That Authority will go into such demands for allotting space commercially or individually or as a joint enterprise of the Railways, and those details are being worked out. Sir, the hon. Member's suggestions will be taken into account as to how best we can go ahead with the provision of allotting some space for self-help groups which are meant for helping the weaker sections, more particularly the women.

SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Sir, it is concerning a number of poor people. When the Minister answers, I request him not to evict the poor people who are already living on the land ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, the Supreme Court has held that the Court cannot interfere in terms of eviction or whatever it may be, because the land is precious

for us, and it is require for expansion. The hon. Member also can assist us in telling the State Government that housing is the responsibility of the State Government.

SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: No, no.

SHIR R. VELU: Yes.

SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: It has been with the Central Government, and not with the State Government. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सभापति : ठीक है, हो गया ।

SHRI R. VELU: It is the responsibility of the State Government, which can also help us in getting them evicted so that they are rehabilitated by the State Government. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Sir, through you, I would like to ask the hon. Minister, since he has promised for self-help groups, and since the Railways has always been extremely kind to the differently able people, whether, in this implementation of improving all the situations, they will also be considering differently able people to get equal opportunities, and job opportunities through the Railways.

SHRI R. VELU: There are opportunities for able people....

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Differently able, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*... Differently able, Sir.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Handicapped persons.

SHRI R. VELU: I know. Yes, we have. We have in the Railways a quota for the handicapped people, but, they have to write the examinations. In the ensuring RRB's examinations, there is a specific; quota for 'handicapped', as we have for the other communities, SCs, STs and others, so that they, can avail of it. ...*(Interruptions)*...

*248. [The questioner(s) Shri Abu Asim Azmi was absent. For answer vide page 31.]

*249. [The questioner(s) Shri Rudra Narayan was absent. For answer vide page 38.]