

- (vi) Improvement to waiting room and waiting hall;
- (vii) Improvement to Platform surface;
- (viii) Improvement to water booths; and
- (ix) Improvement to retiring room.

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- i. Face work of station building;
- ii. Improvement to circulating area;
- iii. Improvement to platform surface; and
- iv. Landing of foot over bridges with granite stone flanged cut.

Moreover, both these stations have been identified for development as World Class station.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal at present to introduce heritage trains for tourists to Amritsar during the Commonwealth Games. However, Railways will make all efforts to clear extra rush of passenger traffic during the Commonwealth Games.

**More railway stations on Qazigund-Baramulla rail line**

268. SHRI G. N. RATANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government contemplates to establish more Railway stations on Qazigund - Baramulla Railway Sector on Public demand; and
- (b) whether one such stations can be established at Naina - Batapora and another at Ratinpora - Hanjipura in Pulwama district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. At present fifteen Railway Stations are operational between Qazigund - Baramullah railway sector over a distance of about 118 kms. There is no plan to establish more railway stations in this sector.

(b) Setting up of station depends on a number of factors such as viability, demand, feasibility and operational requirement. Naina-Batapora is less than 4 kms from Bijbahara and Punjgam. Similarly, Ratinpora-Hanjipura is less than 6 kms from Awantipore and 4 kms from Kakapore. Therefore, setting up of stations at Naina-Batapora and at Ratinpora-Hanjipura is operationally not justified.

**Udhampur-Qazigund rail line**

269. SHRI G.N. RATANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government contemplates re-alignment of Udhampur-Qazigund railway line;
- (b) if so, the steps which have taken to expedite fresh survey;
- (c) whether adequate allocation has been made in Railway and/or General Budget to complete the construction of this railway line on schedule; and