

Upgradation of railway stations

3987. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Adarsh Railway Stations and world Class Railway Stations which were announced in the last Railway Budget have not been implemented any where;

(b) whether upgradation of railway stations as Adarsh Railway Station and World Class Railway Stations is still in the agenda of Railways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Out of 266 stations identified for development under 'Adarsh' station scheme during 2011-12, 73 railway stations have been developed as 'Adarsh' stations as per norms.

As regard to development of World Class railway stations, consultancy works for preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility Report had been taken up for New Delhi, Chatrapathi Shivaji Terminus (CST) Mumbai and Patna. Action has also been initiated for appointment of Consultants for Secunderabad, Anand Vihar (Phase III), Chandigarh, Bijwasan, Porbandar, Surat, Ahmedabad, Sealdah and Chennai Central. For other stations, preliminary activities have been taken up by the Zonal Railways.

Upgradation of stations under various schemes is a continuous process. During the Budget 2012-13, 84 more stations have been identified for development under the 'Adarsh' station scheme.

New investment policy

3988. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have a huge backlog of pending projects that require more than rupees one lakh crore in investment;

(b) if so, whether Government has planned a new investment policy for inviting private participation in railway connectivity and capacity augmentation projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?