

(c) the total number of stations in the country where this work is going on; and

(d) the steps taken by Railways and the time by which they would be converted as Adarsh Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY): (a) 36 railway stations have been identified for development under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme in Tamil Nadu upto 2012-13. Another 6 stations have been identified during railway budget 2013-14. Against these 32 stations have already been developed. Work is currently going on in 4 stations viz. Ariyalur, Hosur, Royapuram and Thiruverumbur.

(b) Selection of railway stations as 'Adarsh Stations' is based on the identified need for upgradation of amenities.

(c) 253 railway stations.

(d) The development of identified Adarsh Stations is a thrust area and Railway endeavours to complete the development of Adarsh stations within two years of its identification unless the development of station(s) is held up due to doubling, gauge conversion, remodelling etc.

Status of new railway projects

3560. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 198 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24 August, 2012 and state:

(a) the number of foundation stones laid for inauguration of new railway projects during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise; and

(b) the present status of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.