

World class railway stations

†*213. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the announcements made by Railways regarding construction of World Class railway stations and providing basic facilities at railway stations have remained limited to paper only;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of railway stations in Madhya Pradesh which are being contemplated upon for being developed as World Class railway stations as per the announcements?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the announcement made in the Railway Budget 2012-13, a dedicated organisation *viz.* Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC) has been set up to undertake redevelopment of stations into world class stations. IRSDC, which has started functioning from 2012 itself, has been initially entrusted with redevelopment of five stations *viz.* Chandigarh, Habibganj, Bijwasan (Delhi), Shivaji Nagar (Pune) and Anand Vihar (Delhi). Detailed Consultancy studies for feasibility, financial viability, etc. have been taken up by IRSDC for all these 5 stations. Basic facilities have been provided on all the stations on Indian Railways. Improvement/augmentation of amenities at the stations is a continuous and ongoing process.

(c) Bhopal and Habibganj stations have been identified for development as world class stations in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Unsolicited commercial calls and SMSes

†*214. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the menace of Unsolicited Commercial Calls (UCC) and SMSes has increased during the last six months;

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