

- (b) Does not arise.

Beautification/renovation of railway stations

†3083. CHAUDHARY MUNAVVER SALEEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways have taken steps for beautification/renovation of various railway stations in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the quantum of amount released and spent, so far, in the current financial year for different type of works related to this task;
- (c) whether Government would beautify/renovate Rampur railway station in Uttar Pradesh considering its historical importance; and
- (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Beautification/renovation of railway stations including stations in Uttar Pradesh on Indian Railways is a continuous process and works in this regard are undertaken as and when warranted. State-wise details of expenditure are not maintained. The expenditure on such works is generally funded under Plan Head- 'Passenger Amenities'. The zone-wise allocation/expenditure under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities' during the current year is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Railway	Allocation (RE)	Expenditure (Upto Dec.'13)
1	2	3
WR	51.07	23.12
ECR	52.34	50.39
ECOR	44.42	65.90
NCR	73.09	32.24
NWR	27.69	35.09
SECR	40.86	21.77
SWR	30.25	32.11
WCR	53.58	28.90
MR	8.76	2.77

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
CR	58.20	40.76
ER	110.18	65.10
NR	70.01	31.36
NER	18.36	23.78
NFR	43.97	49.48
SR	67.19	46.50
SCR	99.69	13.83
SER	45.70	29.59
TOTAL	895.36	592.69

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present for beautification/renovation of Rampur railway station. A number of improvement/beautification/renovation works at Rampur station have been carried out *viz.* improvement of waiting halls/retiring room, augmentation of platform shelters, improvement to platform surface, circulating area etc.

Rolling out of next generation e-ticketing

3084. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are gearing up to roll out next generation e-ticketing, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the traffic on IRCTC has grown 10 times over the years; and

(c) whether Railways have invested a sum of Rs. 100 crore to launch next generation e-ticketing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. IRCTC is working along with CRIS for development of Next Generation e-Ticketing (NGeT) system. This new system shall be able to book 7200 tickets per minute, as against existing capacity to book 2000 ticket per minute.

(b) Between 2003-04 and 2012-13, the number of tickets booked on IRCTC website *www.irctc.co.in* has grown about 190 times.