

**Revamping railway stations under East Coast Railway**

1163. SHRI KALPATARU DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway stations that are proposed to be revamped on the railway system during the current financial year;
- (b) the status of such stations under the East Coast Railway; and
- (c) whether it is proposed to create certain additional facilities on the East Coast Railway system to boost tourism in backward regions, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Revamping, improvement/augmentation of amenities at stations is a continuous process and is undertaken as per requirement subject to *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. Bargarh Road, Barpali, Bolangir, Brahmapur, Doikallu, Jagdalpur, Jakhapura, Kapilas Road, Khurda, Lanjigarh, Lapanga, Meramandali, Puri, Raghunathpur, Rengali and Talcher Road stations on East Coast Railway are planned for revamping/improvement during the current financial year.

- (c) Puri station is identified for joint development in association with Ministry of Tourism for providing/augmenting tourist/passenger amenities at station.

**Quality of services offered by Railways**

1164. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that quality of services offered is a major challenge being faced by Railways; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Railways to improve the quality in services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Indian Railways take various measures to improve the quality of its services. This is a continuous process.

- (i) In the area of passenger amenities there has been significant improvement in the level of passenger amenities provided at stations over the years.