

(c) At certain locations, encroachments cause bottlenecks, safety hazards in train operations and difficulties in track maintenance which at times affects both the line capacity and the throughput which ultimately affect the revenue of Railways which may not be feasible to assess.

**Redevelopment of railway stations through Swiss Challenge approach**

2214. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to redevelop four hundred railway stations across the country through a new PPP route called Swiss Challenge, offering flexibility of execution to interested parties in terms of design and business ideas, including permitting commercial development of real estate by the zonal railways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified railway stations for redevelopment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) A proposal to offer 'A-I' and 'A' category stations (about 400 stations) for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways has been recently approved by the Cabinet. However, the process for redevelopment of stations, already identified would continue. The entire cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations.

The facilities proposed in a redeveloped station include congestion free non-conflicting, entry/exit to the station premises, segregation of arrival/departure of passengers, adequate concourse without overcrowding, integration of both sides of the city wherever feasible, integration with other modes of transport systems e.g. Bus, Metro, etc., user friendly international signage, well illuminated circulating area and sufficient provision for drop off, pick up and parking etc. Details of 'A-I' and 'A' category stations, State-wise are appended.

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of 'A-1' category stations	No. of 'A' category stations
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6	28
2.	Assam	1	9
3.	Bihar	6	31
4.	Chandigarh	1	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	2	5
6.	Delhi	4	4
7.	Goa	-	1
8.	Gujarat	4	17
9.	Haryana	1	12
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	1	1
11.	Jharkhand	2	9
12.	Karnataka	2	18
13.	Kerala	4	17
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2	21
15.	Maharashtra	10	28
16.	Nagaland	-	1
17.	Odisha	2	10
18.	Punjab	2	11
19.	Rajasthan	3	23
20.	Tamil Nadu	4	23
21.	Uttar Pradesh	12	44
22.	Uttarakhand	2	3
23.	West Bengal	4	16

#### **Increasing frequency of local trains between Ghaziabad and New Delhi**

2215. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have any proposal to increase the frequency of local/EMU/DMU trains between Ghaziabad and New Delhi in the interest of daily passengers;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of action taken by Railways to check the late running of trains, specially local trains?