

Further, Ministry of Railways have also decided to undertake feasibility study through Government to Government co-operation route for Delhi-Nagpur with assistance of China.

(d) Work on any project can start only after the sanction of project. The Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail proposal has been submitted to an Empowered Committee on Innovation Collaborations chaired by Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog to suggest the way forward.

Modernisation of railway stations to international standards

777. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to modernise railway stations to international standards, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the number and names of railway stations developed to international standards in the country including in Tamil Nadu, during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the amount allocated/spent on this, year-wise and State-wise during the above period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (d) It has been decided to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations (about 400 stations) over Indian Railways for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas. General guidelines in this regard have been issued to Zonal Railways. 27 stations, viz. Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Coimbatore Jn., Madurai Jn., Arakkonam Jn., Chengalpattu Jn., Dindigul Jn., Erode Jn., Jolarpettai Jn., Kanyakumari, Karur Jn., Katpadi, Kovilpatti, Kumbakonam, Mayiladuthurai Jn., Mettupalaiyam, Nagercoil Jn., Rameshwaram, Salem Jn., Tambaram, Thanjavur Jn., Tiruchirappalli Jn., Tirunelveli Jn., Tiruppur, Tuticorin, Villupuram Jn. and Virudhunagar Jn. falling in the State of Tamil Nadu qualify for redevelopment under this scheme. No station has been redeveloped to international standards so far.

As the entire cost of station development is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the station, no railway funds are required to be allocated.

Ongoing pending railway projects in Karnataka

778. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the ongoing/pending railway projects in Karnataka, project-wise;
- (b) whether there are audit observations regarding inordinate delay and huge escalation of cost in these projects and if so, the reaction of Railways thereto;
- (c) the reasons for inordinate delay in completion and the resultant escalation of cost thereof;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated/spent thereon, project-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Railways to expedite completion thereof to prevent further escalation of cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (d) Details of ongoing/pending railway projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka with their present status, expenditure incurred upto March, 2015 and outlay provided during 2015-16 are as under:-