

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be put into operation and the estimated cost of each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Railways have proposed a pilot project for disposal of municipal solid waste being generated at railway terminals in an environment friendly manner, including conversion of waste to energy.

(b) New Delhi and Jaipur Railway Stations have been identified for setting up pilot plants.

(c) Quantum of energy generated will depend upon the technology adopted for the pilot plant. Bio gas or electricity are the two possible forms of energy to be generated from these plants which would be utilized for suitable services at/near Railway Station.

(d) Time required and the cost of the project would depend on the technology chosen for the pilot plant.

Redevelopment of railway stations

1562. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the list of 'A-1' and 'A' category railway stations in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railways are going to redevelop 400 railway stations and the Cabinet has also approved the same;

(c) if so, the details of railway stations identified, State-wise, and the time-frame within which they are likely to be redeveloped; and

(d) what happened to the earlier proposal of developing railway stations as world-class stations and what was the success of that proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) State-wise number of A-1 and A category railway stations is as under:

State	A-1	A
Andhra Pradesh	6	28
Assam	1	9
Bihar	6	31
Chhattisgarh	2	5
Chandigarh	1	0

State	A-1	A
Delhi	4	4
Goa	0	1
Gujarat	4	17
Haryana	1	12
Jammu and Kashmir	1	1
Jharkhand	2	9
Karnataka	2	18
Kerala	4	17
Madhya Pradesh	3	21
Maharashtra	10	28
Nagaland	0	1
Odisha	2	10
Punjab	2	11
Rajasthan	3	23
Tamil Nadu	4	23
Uttar Pradesh	11	44
Uttarakhand	2	3
West Bengal	4	16
TOTAL	75	332

(b) to (d) Railway's proposal to redevelop 'A-1' and 'A' category stations (total 400 stations) on 'as is where is' basis by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas has been approved by Union Cabinet. Details of 'A-1' and 'A' category stations, State-wise are given as above. Seven stations, viz. Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Habibganj, Shivaji Nagar, SAS Nagar Mohali and Surat have been entrusted to Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited for redevelopment.

Request for qualification and request for technical proposal in respect of one station, viz. Habibganj has been finalized. Request for qualification for two more stations, viz. Bijwasan and Anand Vihar has been invited.

Station redevelopment projects are intrinsic in nature which require detailed techno-economic feasibility studies and statutory clearances from local bodies. Though Railways have been making sustained efforts towards expediting various issues, it is, however, not possible to provide time limit at this stage for completion of these projects.

Transfer policy of Railways

1563. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Group-A officers promoted from Group-B/C are not transferred to other Zones and they usually retire from their Zone of posting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, Zone/units-wise;
- (c) whether there is an urgent need for formulating a rotational transfer policy for such officers; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by Railways in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (d) The Comprehensive Transfer Policy issued on 31/08/2015 provides for inter-Zonal transfer of a Group-‘B’ officer with residual service of more than 3 years on empanelment to Group-‘A’.

Bullet train financing

1564. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Japan has offered to finance India’s first bullet train, estimated to cost ₹ 15 billion, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Japan Railways have also taken keen interest in many other railway projects, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Government of Japan has given an assistance package proposal for Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail project involving financial assistance to the tune of 81% of project cost as loan.

- (b) The Western Dedicated Freight Corridor project is funded substantially by JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency).