

festivals, special events etc. keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc. Further, to provide confirmed accommodation to waitlisted passengers and also to ensure optimal utilization of available accommodation, the Alternate Train Accommodation Scheme known as 'VIKALP' has been introduced in identified sectors wherein any passenger getting waiting list ticket at the time of booking can opt for shifting to alternate train in case his/her status remains waiting list at the time of preparation of first reservation chart subject to availability of accommodation in alternate train.

Modernization of railway stations in backward and rural areas

†1261. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated for modernization of railway stations situated especially in backward and rural areas of the country during the last three years and the current year, the Zone-wise details thereof;

(b) the amount that will be spent for each railway station separately;

(c) the details of the target set for modernization of those railway stations where the work is in progress; and

(d) the details of the target set for modernization of such railway stations in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (d) Development/modernization of stations is presently taken up under 'Adarsh Station Scheme'. The expenditure on development of stations under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-'Passenger Amenities'. Station-wise details of funds allocated/spent are not maintained. However, zone-wise allocation of funds under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities', during the last three years and the current year is as under:-

Plan Outlay for Passenger Amenities

				(₹ in crores)
Zonal Railway	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Budget Estimate)
1	2	3	4	5
Central	58.20	77.00	85.10	61.55

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5
Eastern	110.18	91.42	67.72	55.44
East Central	52.34	55.17	88.03	50.53
East Coast	44.42	55.00	60.16	40.60
Northern	70.01	125.80	128.80	1075.06**
North Central	73.09	92.22	81.96	56.67
North Eastern	18.36	41.96	55.00	47.79
Northeast Frontier	43.97	50.48	53.67	51.36
North Western	27.69	42.18	60.31	43.48
Southern	67.19	62.58	108.27	63.37
South Central	99.69	104.24	102.15	65.58
South Eastern	45.70	56.37	72.12	49.82
South East Central	40.86	39.57	48.71	33.48
South Western	30.26	35.82	72.71	41.28
Western	51.07	58.61	52.21	53.29
West Central	53.58	49.92	71.31	42.07
Metro	8.76	11.56	3.99	6.92
TOTAL	895.36	1049.91*	1212.21*	1838.28**

*includes outlay under Extra Budgetary Resources (Deposit).

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1253 railway stations have been identified for development under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme which, *inter-alia*, includes 89 railway stations in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand. Out of these, 992 railway stations have been developed under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme which, *inter-alia*, includes 53 railway stations in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand. The remaining stations are targeted for development during 2016-17 and 2017-18.

MoU with Russian Railways for upgradation of speed of passenger trains

1262. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russian Railways joined hands with Indian Railways over upgradation of speed of passenger trains, if so, the details thereof;