

in the Request for Qualification (RFQ) stage concluded on 12th September, 2015. However, no bid was received in the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage on the bid due date of May 2, 2016. Now, Fifteen Train sets, fit to run 160 kmph, have been planned for production in Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, over the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.

(c) At present, the section between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Agra Cantt. is capable to handle 160 kmph speed. In addition, two works of speed raising for 160 kmph/200 kmph have been included in Railway's works program 2017-18 for New Delhi-Howrah (including Kanpur-Lucknow) and New Delhi-Mumbai Central routes (including Vadodara-Ahmedabad).

Bidding for redevelopment of railway stations

1573. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are very soon going to bid 25 railway stations for redevelopment;

(b) if so, the details of each of the 25 stations so identified for redevelopment, with particular reference to those in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether redevelopment will be done on PPP model or by Railways on its own; and

(d) by when the entire process of redevelopment will be over and its estimated cost and from where Railways are going to pool the resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Railways has already invited Bid for 26 Railway Stations.

Zonal Railways, in the first phase of station redevelopment program which was launched on 08.02.2017, have already invited bids for 23 stations. The State-wise details of these stations are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Station	State
1.	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	Maharashtra
2.	Pune	Maharashtra
3.	Thane	Maharashtra
4.	Mumbai Central	Maharashtra
5.	Bandra Terminus	Maharashtra
6.	Borivali	Maharashtra

Sl. No.	Name of Station	State
7.	Howrah	West Bengal
8.	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
9.	Kanpur Central	Uttar Pradesh
10.	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh
11.	Kamakhya	Assam
12.	Udaipur City	Rajasthan
13.	Faridabad	Haryana
14.	Jammu Tawi	Jammu and Kashmir
15.	Secunderabad	Andhra Pradesh
16.	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
17.	Ranchi	Jharkhand
18.	Chennai Central	Tamil Nadu
19.	Kozhikode	Kerala
20.	Yashwantpur	Karnataka
21.	Bangalore Cantt.	Karnataka
22.	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
23.	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh

In the first phase of 23 stations, bids for Jammu Tawi and Kozhikode railway stations have been opened on 12.07.2017 and 24.07.2017 respectively.

Further, a dedicated organization viz. Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) has been set up to undertake redevelopment of stations to international standards. They have invited tenders for 3 stations, namely Anand Vihar, Bijwasan and Surat.

The work of Habibganj railway station has been started. A contract of civil engineering works for redevelopment of Gandhinagar railway station along with construction of a 300 room hotel on the air space of the station has also been awarded and ground-breaking done. The work is in progress. Bids for Surat Railway Station have been opened on 05.06.2017.

(c) Indian Railways has advertized its plan to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations on 'as is where is' basis for redevelopment by inviting proposals from developers with their designs and business ideas. The entire cost of the station redevelopment is to be met by revenues/proceeds obtained from leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations.

(d) These projects are new to Railways and complex in nature. These require detailed techno-economic feasibility studies. Hence no time frame has been presently set for completion of these projects.

The cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of vacant land/air space in and around the station. Therefore, railway funds are not required for station redevelopment projects. Such projects shall generally be cost neutral to Railways.

Derailments and shutdown in Assam

1574. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two derailments and one shutdown took place in Assam sector after Railways ignored safety warning, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Assam line is in operation now after corrective steps taken by railways, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Passenger train services were commenced on Lumding-Silchar section from 21.11.2015. There have been no derailments of passenger train coaches so far except for the following two instances:

- (i) Derailment of front pair of locomotive of Sampark Kranti Express in the night of 23.04.2016 due to dashing of train locomotive with boulder which had fallen on the track due to extremely heavy rainfall between Ditockcherra and Bandarkhal stations of Lumding-Silchar section.
- (ii) Derailment of one pair of wheels of near trolley of coach No. NF/SLR-00732 of Up 15061 Sampark Kranti Express on 26.04.2016 due to continuous distortion of track parameters due to upheaval and lateral shift of alignment as a result of movement of hill from the right hand side caused by incessant rains during this period.

In either case given above no casualty or loss of Railway property has been reported.

Besides this there has been one instance of land slide at km 92 near Migrendeesa caused due to very heavy rain of the order of more than 300 mm in a day occurred on multiple days in short span. The hills could not cater that much rainfall and slide occurred.

It is clear from the above that the derailments/land slide took place due to incessant rain.