

Hacking of website of IRCTC

†934. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tickets of touts were being confirmed instead of common men by hacking the website of IRCTC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the officers identified by Government in this scam and the details of action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Railway stations with modern facilities

†935. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme of equipping the select railway stations with modern facilities has stuck midway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of railway stations equipped with modern facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Union Cabinet approved Railways' proposal for redevelopment of 'A-1' and 'A' category stations (total about 400 stations) 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 including permitting commercial development of real estate by Zonal Railways.

Accordingly, station redevelopment program by Zonal Railways was launched on 08.02.2017. Following 23 stations were taken up for bidding in first phase:—

Sl. No.	Name of Station	State
1.	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	Maharashtra
2.	Pune	Maharashtra
3.	Thane	Maharashtra

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No.	Name of Station	State
4.	Mumbai Central	Maharashtra
5.	Bandra Terminus	Maharashtra
6.	Borivali	Maharashtra
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

Out of the 23 stations mentioned above, bids were received for Jammu Tawi and Kozhikode stations only, which are under evaluation. No bids were received for 18 stations. In view of the not so-encouraging response, bids for these stations were foreclosed. The scheme has now been modified.

A dedicated organization viz. Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC) was set up in the year 2012 for the purpose of station redevelopment on Indian Railways. Seven stations viz., Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Habibganj (Bhopal), Shivaji Nagar (Pune), Surat and Gandhinagar have been entrusted to Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC) for redevelopment. Out of these seven stations, offers have been finalized for Habibganj and Gandhinagar and Letter of award has been issued on 07.06.2016 and 03.01.2017 respectively and works are in progress.

An MoU has been signed by Ministry of Railways with Ministry of Urban Development for integrated planning for station redevelopment projects in cities identified as SMART cities in association with Smart City authorities. Ten (10) stations *i.e.* Tirupati, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Nellore, Madgaon, Lucknow, Gomtinagar, Kota, Thane New, Ernakulam Jn. and Puducherry have been taken up for redevelopment under this scheme, jointly by Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and National Building Construction Company (NBCC). Bids for Gomtinagar have been invited on 06.01.2018.

Rail Land Development Authority has been entrusted to redevelop Safdarjung Station in New Delhi along with IRCON.

Foundation stone of Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet train

936. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister of Japan has recently laid the foundation stone of the high speed Bullet train project between Ahmedabad and Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be completed and the number of passengers likely to travel in the said train, per day, along with the approximate fare likely to be charged from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) The ground-breaking ceremony of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project was held on 14.09.2017 in presence of Hon'ble Prime Ministers of India and Japan. The project is targeted for completion by the year 2022-23. The feasibility report had assessed a ridership of 35,800 passengers per day in the year 2023 which goes up to 1,85,800 per day by the year 2053. It is premature to state actual fare to be charged at this stage.

Cleanliness and maintenance of passenger rail coaches

937. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have not yet been able to keep passenger rail coaches in perfect state of cleanliness and maintenance despite tall claims and increase in fare;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Railways have any concrete plan to strengthen the current system to improve the cleanliness and maintenance of rail coaches up to accepted standards?