

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways have prepared an Action Plan to electrify (commission on electric traction) 38000 Route Kilometers (RKM) in five years (2017-18 to 2021-22) for 100% electrification of its Broad Gauge (BG) rail routes which includes 1253 RKM of BG rail routes in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Year-wise details of balance BG rail routes planned for electrification are as under:—

Year	Route Kilometer planned for commissioning on electric traction
2017-18	4000
2018-19	6000
2019-20	7000
2020-21	10500
2021-22	10500
Total	38000

The expenditure of ₹ 32591 crore is planned for commissioning of 38000 Route Kilometers of sections on electric traction.

Development of railway Stations of Bihar

†939. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had made certain announcements in the Budget 2017 for the comprehensive development of Buxar, Patna Sahib and other railway stations of Bihar;

(b) if so, the progress in implementation of the above announcements so far, and

(c) the latest status of construction of ROB at Itarhi railway crossing on the eastern side of the Buxar railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) 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. Patna Sahib

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and Buxar stations, being 'A' category stations, are in the list of stations identified for redevelopment.

Bids were called for 23 stations in the first phase of Station Redevelopment Programme. Out of the 23 stations, 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.

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. Six stations viz., Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Habibganj (Bhopal), Shivaji Nagar (Pune) and Surat have been entrusted to Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC) for redevelopment. Works at Gandhinagar and Habibganj stations have commenced.

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. The following ten (10) stations have been taken up for redevelopment under this scheme, jointly by Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and National Building Construction Company (NBCC):—

Tirupati, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Nellore, Madgaon, Lucknow, Gomtinagar, Kota, Thane New, Ernakulam Jn. and Puducherry.

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

At present, Ministry of Railways is formulating revised schemes for station redevelopment on fast track. The proposals for redevelopment of Buxar, Patna Sahib and other important stations of Bihar will be taken up, once the revised strategy for redevelopment of stations is finalized.

(c) Work for construction of ROB (Road Over Bridge) in lieu of level crossing No.70-A at km 660/25-27 on eastern side of Buxar station was sanctioned on cost sharing basis. General Arrangement Drawing has been approved. Estimate is under preparation jointly by Railways and State Government.

Introduction and renaming of trains

940. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trains which have been cancelled alongwith the new trains introduced in the last three years and the ones which have been renamed; and