

Renovation/upgradation of railway stations

2705. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway stations renovated/upgraded across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of railway stations under renovation/upgradation;

(c) whether Government has fixed any target for the purpose during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details of target achieved during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Government has approved redevelopment of major Railway stations by making Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) as Nodal Agency, through simplified procedures and with longer lease tenures. These include Railway stations situated in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

All stations have been entrusted to IRSDC for taking up Techno-economic feasibility studies and redevelopment of stations is to be taken up based upon the outcome of these studies in phased manner.

An MOU has been signed between Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and National Buildings Construction Corporation India Limited (NBCC) for redevelopment of 10 stations including Nellore and Tirupati Railway stations in Andhra Pradesh. Invitation of Bids for redevelopment of these two stations is being undertaken by NBCC.

Presently, work of redevelopment is in progress at Gandhinagar and Habibganj stations. Contracts have been awarded for Gomtinagar and Charbagh (Lucknow) stations. Bids for Jammu Tawi, Kozhikode, Anand Vihar, Bijwasan and Chandigarh have been received, which are presently under evaluation. Bids have been invited for Surat and Puducherry stations.

(d) Station redevelopment projects are first of its kind and complex in nature and require detailed techno-financial feasibility studies and statutory clearances from local bodies etc. Therefore, no time-frame can be indicated at this stage.

Assessment of cleanliness at railway stations

2706. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently conducted a survey to assess the cleanliness at railway stations across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the ranking; and

(c) whether it is a fact that iconic stations in big cities have been found to have moved down in the ranking and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railways had conducted a survey regarding cleanliness at 407 major Railway Stations in the country. The details of the survey are available on Indian Railways website at the link "http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/Environment_Management/Swachh_Rail_Swachh_Bharat_2018_Report.pdf".

(c) The marks obtained by most of the stations have improved. It clearly shows that all stations are striving hard to improve. It is not correct that iconic stations have moved down in ranking e.g. Mumbai CST has improved in score and also ranking. However, some of the stations have come down in ranking, though they have secured more marks than previous year, as other stations have shown higher improvement.

Lalitpur-Singrauli railway project

†2707. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work for Lalitpur-Singrauli railway project has been started by construction company;

(b) if so, the allotment and expenditure of funds during the last three years and progress made thereon and by when the work is targeted to be completed; and

(c) if not, the detailed reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Lalitpur-Khajuraho (167 km) and Mahoba-Khajuraho (62.50 km) sections have been commissioned. Land acquisition has been taken up in the remaining sections and work taken up in the available land.

During last three years (2015-16 to 2017-18), ₹ 1072.05 crore has been incurred as an expenditure and an outlay of ₹ 315 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2018-19.

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