

Re-classification of railway stations

3932. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of minor and major railway stations in Telangana;
- (b) whether it is a fact that review of classification of stations is done, once in every five years, on the basis of annual passenger earnings;
- (c) if so, the details of stations that have been reviewed in the last fifteen years and upgraded/downgraded on the basis of review; and
- (d) the details of stations that have been re-classified on the basis of review?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) There is no concept of minor and major Railway stations on Indian Railway. The categorization of stations is done once in five years. During the last fifteen years categorization has been reviewed three times *i.e.* 2007-08 based on the passenger earnings of 2006-07, 2012-13 based on the passenger earnings of 2011-12 and 2017-18 based on the passenger earnings and/or outward passengers handled at the station for the year 2016-17. During 2016-17 categorization of stations was undertaken as per the new guidelines according to which stations on Indian Railways have been clubbed into 3 groups *i.e.* Non-Suburban (NSG), Suburban (SG) and Halt (HG). Further, these groups have been put in grades ranging from NSG(1-6), SG(1-3) and HG(1-3) respectively. These categories are different from the category of stations stipulated during 2011-12 which was on the basis of A-1, A, B, C, D, E and F. Hence, upgradation/downgradation of stations cannot be demarcated.

Telangana State was formed in 2014. After the latest review in 2017-18, there are 229 stations in Telangana. The category-wise break-up of these 229 stations is as under:—

Category	Stations
NSG-1	1
NSG-2	2
NSG-3	5
NSG-4	8
NSG-5	34

Category	Stations
NSG-6	104
SG-3	21
HG-2	12
HG-3	42
TOTAL	229

Railway projects in Punjab

3933. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of sanctioned and already ongoing rail projects in Punjab, at present;
- (b) the status of each project; and
- (c) by when the work on sanctioned projects are likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) 14 railway projects for 871.06 km. length, costing ₹15656.88 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which, 317.80 km. length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2083.54 crore has been incurred up to March, 2019.

The details of all works in progress and new works including allotment of funds and expenditure on each project are available in public domain on Indian Railways' website *i.e.* www.indianrailways.gov.in > Ministry of Railways > Railway Board > About Indian Railways > Railway Board Directorates > Finance (Budget) > Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme-Regular Budget 2019-20.

Inconvenience to passengers due to construction work on platforms

†3934. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) by when the work with regard to Dedicated Freight Corridor Project of Western Railway is likely to be completed;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.