

past five years towards provision of passenger amenities at Villupuram Railway Station. The details of the works executed are furnished below:

Sl. No.	Description of work	Cost in lakhs (in rupees)
1.	Improvements to passenger amenities at Villupuram under touch and feel concept	48.78
2.	Villupuram improvements to TTE rest room with all facilities including furniture.	33.78
3.	Provision of low-level platform shelter - 4 Nos. at Villupuram	4.50
4.	Villupuram Repairs to CC apron at Platform No.6	80.00
5.	Replacement of corroded carriage watering hydrant pipe lines at Platform No.4,5 and 6 at Villupuram	39.32
6.	Provision 2 bays of Platform Shelter at Platform No.1	30.00
7.	Repainting of Station Building at Villupuram	30.00
8.	Villupuram repairs to CC Apron at Platform No.5	75.00
9.	Repainting of Platform Shelter, Foot Over Bridge and Station Name Boards.	10.29
10.	Provision of Benches and Water pedestals at Villupuram	15.00
TOTAL		366.67

Renovation of railway stations in Telangana

888. SHRIDHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to renovate the railway stations in the State of Telangana under its railway stations redevelopment programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of stations being considered for renovation and redevelopment, particularly in the State of Telangana; and

(d) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways through various agencies is undertaking techno-economic feasibility studies

of railway stations, including those stations located in the State of Telangana. The cost of station redevelopment project is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations. Based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment, especially the stations located in major cities, pilgrimage centres and important tourist destinations. Presently, work of redevelopment is in progress at Gandhinagar (Gujarat) and Habibganj (Bhopal) stations. Contracts for redevelopment have been awarded for Gomtinagar, Charbagh (Lucknow) and Puducherry stations.

(d) Redevelopment of stations is planned through leveraging of commercial development of vacant land/air space in and around stations. Therefore, no funds have been earmarked for the purpose. Such projects shall generally be cost neutral to Railways.

Privatisation of trains

†889. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning for privatisation of trains like Rajdhani and Shatabdi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner Government would control the whimsicality of the private operators and travel fare after privatisation of Railways; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) No plan has been made for privatization of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no plan for privatization of Railways.

(d) Does not arise.

Promotion process in Railways

†890. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the process of promotion of employees from Group-D to Group-C and Group-C to Group-B in the Railways; and

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