

provision exists for free use of Railways' light trollies/hand barrows, wherever available, by Sahayaks (licensed porters) for carriage of passenger's luggage. Moreover, carrying luggage has been made easier at places due to provision of ramps and escalators. However, no proposal with regard to provision of upgraded tools for use of Sahayaks to carry heavy baggage of the passengers is under consideration in this Ministry, at present.

Redevelopment of Nellore station

906. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Nellore is one of the stations identified by Railways to be redeveloped in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the date of the proposal in this regard and the action taken by the Ministry so far; and
- (c) by when the redevelopment of Nellore station would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Tenders for redevelopment of Nellore Railway Station were invited and opened on 12th March 2019. However, no Bids were received. Redevelopment of stations are complex projects and are dependent on the response of developer's commercial aspects. No target date can be given at this stage.

Escalation of project cost due to delay

907. SHRIMATI AMBIKASONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is increase in cost of Railway projects due to delay in their completion;
- (b) if so, the of number of projects delayed in the last two years and the cost escalation, project-wise; and
- (c) whether any monitoring committee has been constituted to take corrective measures and to expedite the completion of projects by removing hurdles, if so, the details thereof?