

Besides, various passenger amenities works have been under taken at 251 railway stations falling under the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in last three year These works include provision of additional water taps on platforms, additional benches on platforms, additional platform sheds, additional FOBs, improvements in circulating area, improvements in waiting halls, provision of Air-Conditioning of PRS, escalators, washable apron, lifts, IP based surveillance camera system, extension of IRS type shelter, shifting of station building, provision of approach road, coach watering facilities, provision of second entry, provision of coach Indication and train indication boards, expansion of PA system, provision of mobile charging points, water coolers facilities, improvement of lighting, furniture for booking office, provision of RO plant, etc.

(b) and (c) At present, train connectivity is available from Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam. for Delhi which in turn, is well connected to other major stations of northern part of the country. Introduction of additional trains from Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam towards North India is however, not feasible at present, due to operational and resource constraints. Besides, introduction of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources, etc.

Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh

†910. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the ongoing, pending and proposed railway projects in Madhya Pradesh since last five years till date; and

(b) the details of the action plan devised towards time-bound completion thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) As on date, 08 new line, 05 gauge conversion and 27 doubling projects covering a length of 6756 Km. at a cost of ₹77302.54 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution. Out of these projects, 24 projects (3 new line and 21 doubling projects) covering a length of 3399 Km. at a cost of ₹44883 crore have been included/sanctioned in the last 5 years (from 2014-15 to 2018-19 and 2019-20).

(b) The timely completion of Railway projects without cost overrun requires quick and timely acquisition of land through State Government, shifting of utilities, various statutory clearances etc. and to achieve the same, Railway is holding regular meetings with State Government and concerned Central/State Government officials on various issues for

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timely land acquisition, shifting of utilities, forestry clearances, so that projects can be completed in time.

For important projects, capacity enhancement projects, last mile connectivity etc, institutional financing has been done by arranging loan from M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.

Upgradation of railway stations in Gujarat

†911. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified and declared some railway stations in districts of Gujarat as Adarsh Station for upgradation of facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the railway stations; and
- (c) the details of the facilities provided and upgraded at the Adarsh Stations in the said districts?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At present, stations are undertaken for development under "Adarsh Station Scheme" and 1253 stations including 32 stations in Gujarat have been identified for development under this scheme. List of 32 stations in Gujarat identified for development under Adarsh Station Scheme is as under:—

Gujarat (32)	Ambli Road, Bechraji, Bhaktinagar, Bhanvad, Bhatariya, Dahod, Gandhigram, Himmatnagar, Jamnagar, Kadi, Khambliya, Kosamba, Lalpurjam, Maninagar, Navsari, New Bhuj, Okha, Palanpur, Sabarmati, Siddhpur, Udhna, Una, Unjha, Vadnagar, Vijapur, Visnagar, Vyara. Gandhidham and Gandhinagar Capital. Sabarmati BG, Patan and Kim.
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Out of 32 Stations, 30 stations have been developed under this Scheme and remaining 02 stations *i.e.*, Gandhinagar and Sabarmati are being re-developed by Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) under Station Redevelopment programme.

- (c) Various passenger amenities which *inter-alia* include improvement of facade of the station building, retiring room, waiting room (with bathing facilities), separate waiting room for ladies, landscaping of circulating area, earmarked parking, signages, Pay and Use

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