

**Adarsh railway stations**

759. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is developing railway stations as Adarsh Stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of stations developed as Adarsh Stations and the number of stations to be developed till date, Zone-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 'Adarsh' Station Scheme has been started since 2009-10 and presently, upgradation of Railway stations are taken under 'Adarsh Station Scheme'. Since then, 1253 stations have been identified for development under 'Adarsh Station Scheme' out of which 1149 stations so far have been developed under 'Adarsh Station Scheme' and remaining stations are targeted to be developed by 2019-20.

Various passenger amenities which, *inter-alia*, include improvement to 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 & Use toilets, Foot Over Bridge, ramps at entry to station etc. are proposed to be provided at Railway stations which are identified for development under this scheme as per the respective category of the station and the works for which are funded under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities'.

Upgradation / modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process- Works for improvement of passenger amenities are undertaken depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and *inter-se* priority, subject to availability of funds.

(c) Zone-wise number of railway stations, which have been developed as Adarsh stations till date and number of railway stations to be developed are as under:

Zonal Railways	Identified	Developed (up to Oct 2019)	To be developed
1	2	3	4
Central Railway	72	69	3
Eastern Railway	278	276	2

1	2	3	4
East Central Railway	58	48	10
East Coast Railway	52	39	13
Northern Railway	124	105	19
North Central Railway	42	35	7
North Eastern Railway	53	43	10
Northeast Frontier Railway	91	90	1
North Western Railway	41	36	5
Southern Railway	128	113	15
South Central Railway	68	68	0
South Eastern Railway	86	86	0
South East Central Railway	28	25	3
South Western Railway	45	36	9
Western Railway	62	59	3
West Central Railway	25	21	4
TOTAL	1253	1149	104

(d) Funds are not allocated separately for Adarsh Station Scheme and the works are carried out under various passenger amenities works under Plan Head-53 'Passenger Amenities'. The details of funds allocated under Budgetary Sources for this Plan Head-53, over Indian Railways during the last three years namely 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 and current year are as under:

Years	Allocation
2016-17	₹ 917.91 crs.
2017-18	₹ 1470.79 crs.
2018-19	₹ 2410.71 crs.
2019-20	₹ 3422.57 crs.