

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. and all these factors vary from project to project and site to site. Hence, no confirmed time frame can be fixed for completion of projects at this stage.

**Railway station development to provide world-class facilities**

1871. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations developed by Railways to provide world-class facilities to the passengers across the country so far, zone-wise;

(b) whether Railways have sought participation of private sector in modernization of railway stations across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the private sector thereto;

(c) whether Railways have invited bids from private investors for modernization of stations and if so, the details of offers received so far; and

(d) whether Railways have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with foreign countries in this regard, if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The work of redevelopment is in advanced stage at Gandhinagar (Western Railway) and Habibganj (West Central Railway) railway stations. Contracts have been awarded for redevelopment of Gomtinagar (North Eastern Railway), Anand Vihar (Northern Railway), Bijwasan (Northern Railway) and Chandigarh (Northern Railway) railway stations.

(b) and (c) Station redevelopment is planned by leveraging real estate potential of sparable land and air space in and around the stations, inviting private participation.

The selection of developer is done following a transparent and competitive bidding process. Private developers have shown interest where tenders for redevelopment of station were floated at Habibganj (Bhopal), Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Gomtinagar, Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh and Safdarjung railway stations.

(d) Ministry of Railways has not signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with any foreign countries in this regard.

#### **Improving the working conditions of loco running staff**

1872. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the locomotive engines lack toilets and drinking water facilities;

(b) whether there are any functional locomotive engines having air conditioned (AC) cabins, if so, details thereof, zone-wise;

(c) whether Railways is planning to introduce locomotives having AC cabins, washrooms and drinking water facilities across all the zones;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has planned or is planning to introduce some measures to improve the working conditions of loco running staff?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Toilets have been provided on trial basis in locomotive cabs. Drinking water facility has been provided to crew in running rooms and crew lobbies.

(b) Yes, Sir. Zone-wise 1914 nos. of locomotives have been provided with cabin Air-conditioners (ACs) as on 31.01.2020. Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

- New locomotives being turned out by Production Units (PUs) are being fitted with cab AC and workshops have been advised to make provision of cab ACs during Periodical Overhauling of electric locomotives.
- Washrooms / toilets facilities will be provided in new electric locomotives after feedback on trial.