

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2372
ANSWERED ON 17.12.2021

MODERNISATION OF AMBIKAPUR STATION

2372 # SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any step for upgradation and modernisation of the Ambikapur railway station of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated for upgradation and modernisation of the Ambikapur station;
- (d) the details of works and funds spent respectively in this regard;
- (e) whether any time frame has been set by Government to complete the work of upgradation of the Ambikapur railway station; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2372 BY SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.12.2021 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF AMBIKAPUR STATION

(a) and (b) Ambikapur station is a Non-Suburban Grade 5 category railway station in Bilaspur Division of South East Central Railway. The station was identified for development under Modern Station Scheme in 2007-08 and Adarsh Station Scheme in 2011-12. The station has been developed under both these schemes and all the facilities such as improvement to façade of the station building, waiting room (with bathing facilities), computer based public address system, signages, water coolers, booking window, ramps at entry to station for Divyangjan and Senior Citizens etc. have been provided.

Further upgradation/ modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation / modernization of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.

(c) to (e) Ambikapur Railway Station has already been developed as Adarsh Railway Station. Further, various passenger amenities works such as Platform extension and raising to accommodate full length rake, platform surface improvement, construction of cover shed, platform boundary wall, color washing and white washing etc. have been taken up and completed at the station.

The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise not State-wise or station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 ‘Passenger Amenities’. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred by South East Central Railway under Plan Head-53 ‘Passenger Amenities’, during the last two years and current year are as under:-

Zonal Railway	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22 (till Nov, 2021)	
	Allo- cation	Expend- iture	Allo- cation	Expend- iture	Allo- cation	Expend- iture
South East Central	53.82	55.83	107.01	118.76	88.51	37.94

(f) Does not arise.
