

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2065
ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022

MODERNIZATION OF STATIONS IN PUNJAB

2065. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of major railway stations that have been modernised along with the number of railway stations proposed to be modernised in the State of Punjab;
- (b) the details of the funds likely to be spent on each station along with the target fixed for modernisation of stations for the next financial year, Station-wise;
- (c) whether Railways conducted quality checks of modernisation works carried out at major railway stations of Punjab; and
- (d) whether Railways is considering to make the passenger amenities better at the railway stations and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2065 BY SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.12.2022 REGARDING MODERNIZATION OF STATIONS IN PUNJAB.

(a) to (d) Upgradation/modernization/beautification of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process. Presently, Railway stations are upgraded/modernized under Adarsh Station Scheme based on identified need of providing better enhanced passenger amenities at stations. Under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme, 1253 stations in Indian Railways including 32 stations in the State of Punjab have been identified for development. Against this, 30 stations have been upgraded/developed and the remaining 02 stations are targeted to be developed under Adarsh Station Scheme by June 2023. Further, two stations viz. Ludhiana and Jalandhar Cantt. in the State of Punjab have been identified under the scheme of 'Major Upgradation of Railway Stations'.

The details of allocation and expenditure for development of stations are maintained by Zonal Railway-wise and not station-wise or state-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 'Customer Amenities'. There are 02 zones, namely, Northern Railway and North Western Railway, which cater to the State of Punjab. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred by the 02 Railways under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', during last three years and current year i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21 2021-22 and 2022-23 (till October, 2022) is as under:-

(Fig. in crore of ₹)

Zonal Railway	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	Allo- cation	Expend- -iture	Allo- cation	Expen- d-iture	Allo- cation	Expend - iture	Allo- cation	Expend- iture (Till Oct., 2022)
Northern	150.77	152.31	268.37	247.25	217.71	221.68	235.37	90.59
North Western	120.22	117.74	159.59	126.39	67.52	51.37	115.79	20.82

Indian Railways has an inbuilt mechanism to check the quality of works, which is being performed at various levels by concerned Railway officials as per guidelines laid down in the Indian Railways Engineering Code, Indian Railways Works Manual and Specification etc. and the works meeting the laid down standards only are accepted.

Passenger Amenities at stations are enhanced as per norms of Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA), recommended amenities, desirable amenities and various schemes like Adarsh Station Scheme and the Scheme for Major Upgradation of Railway Stations on Indian Railways. Provision of enhanced facilities for passengers at stations is a continuous process and provided in a phased manner and priority is accorded to higher category of stations compared to lower category, while sanctioning and executing the works depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and availability of funds.
