

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1111**  
**ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023**

**UPGRADATION AND RENOVATION OF IMPORTANT RAILWAY STATIONS**

1111 SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to take up the upgradation and renovation of important railway stations across the country under a new programme 'Amrit Bharat Station scheme';
- (b) whether this new scheme is in addition to the Railway's ambitious plan to renovate 200 large stations under its station redevelopment programme currently underway;
- (c) if so, details of the new scheme and the criteria for the selection of stations for upgradation or renovation; and
- (d) the time frame for its implementation, 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.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1111 BY SHRI JAGGESH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 10.02.2023 REGARDING UPGRADATION AND RENOVATION OF IMPORTANT RAILWAY STATIONS**

(a) to (c) Yes, sir. Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has recently been launched for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. It envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

The Scheme involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

1275 stations have been selected based on the proposals received from Zonal Railways, stations located in major cities and towns. It also includes the stations previously identified for redevelopment.

(d) Development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers and trains and requires various statutory clearances from urban/local bodies etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated.

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