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MODERNISING RAILWAY STATIONS UNDER ABSS

2180 # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of stations targeted to be upgraded and modernized by Government under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) ;
- (b) the details of stations covered by Government under this scheme, division-wise, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the amount to be spent by Government for the development of stations under the ABSS; and
- (d) the number of stations that have been revamped by Government for the development of stations under the ABSS, the details thereof, State-wise, especially in the State of Rajasthan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d) Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

It 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, platform surfacing and cover over platform, 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 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, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 85 stations are located in the State of Rajasthan. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Rajasthan are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Stations
Rajasthan	85	Abu Road, Ajmer, Alwar, Anupgarh, Asalpur Jobner, Balotra, Bandikui, Baran, Barmer, Bayana, Beawar, Bharatpur, Bhawani Mandi, Bhilwara, Bijainagar, Bikaner, Bundi, Chanderiya, Chhabra Gugor, Chittorgarh Jn., Churu, Dakaniya Talav, Dausa, Deeg, Degana, Deshnoke, Dholpur, Didwana, Dungarpur, Falna, Fatehnagar, Fatehpur Shekhawati, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Gangapur City, Gogameri, Gotan, Govind Garh, Hanumangarh, Hindaun City, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalor, Jawai Bandh, Jhalawar City, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Kapasan, Khairthal, Kherli, Kota, Lalgarh, Mandal Garh, Mandawar Mahwa Road, Marwar Bhinmal, Marwar Jn., Mavli Jn., Merta Road, Nagaur, Naraina, Nim ka Thana, Nokha, Pali Marwar, Phalodi, Phulera, Pindwara, Raisinghnagar, Rajgarh, Ramdevra, Ramganj Mandi, Rana Pratapnagar, Rani, Ratangarh, Ren, Ringas, Sadulpur, Sanganer, Sawai Madhopur, Shri Mahaveerji, Sikar, Sojat

		Road, Somesar, Sri Ganganagar, Sujangarh, Suratgarh, Udaipur City
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Out of 85 Amrit stations located in the state of Rajasthan, tenders for development works have been awarded for 79 stations and works have been taken up. The projects have exhibited good pace of execution. For example,

- At Gandhinagar Jaipur station, structural works of both sides station buildings have been completed, girders of air concourse have been launched and deck slab has been casted and works of through roof and platform shelters, etc. have been taken up.
- At Jaipur Jn station, structural works of second entry building including basement have been completed and works of Foot Over Bridges, main side station building, air concourse, etc. have been taken up.
- At Jaisalmer station, structural works of main station building have been completed, girder launching and deck slab casting of air concourse and Foot Over Bridges have been completed and finishing works have been taken up.
- At Udaipur City station, structural works of east side station building have been completed and works of west side station building, air concourse, through roof, Foot Over Bridge, Skywalk, etc. have been taken up.
- At Kota Jn station, structural works of departure hall towards main entrance and electric substation have been completed and works of rear side station building, arrival hall towards main entrance, air concourse, through roof, etc. have been taken up.
- At Dakaniya Talav station, structural works of both side station buildings, parcel office, electric substation have been completed and works of air concourse, through roof, new passenger platform, etc. have been taken up.

Further, development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, air-port clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brownfield related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.), infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of tracks and high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

Upgradation/development/redevelopment 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/development/redevelopment of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

Upgradation / development / modernization of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or Station-wise or State-wise. Total allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for Indian Railways under Plan Head-53 is Rs 15,511 Crores. The state of Rajasthan is covered by five zones viz. Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Western Railway, Western Railway and West Central Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for these zones is Rs 6,952 Crores.
