

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 584
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

STATIONS IDENTIFIED UNDER AMRIT BHARAT SCHEME

584 SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of stations identified and funds allocated under Amrit Bharat Station scheme, State-wise;
- (b) the timeline for completion of the development/redevelopment of all 1,318 identified stations including phase-wise target, if applicable
- (c) whether Government plans to expand the number of eligible stations in future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the timeline by which the scheme is likely to be implemented along with the criteria for selection of railway stations under this scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 584 BY SHRI NARESH BANSAL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.11.2024 REGARDING STATIONS IDENTIFIED UNDER AMRIT BHARAT SCHEME

(a) to (e) 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 centres at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 stations have been selected under this scheme based on proposals received from Zonal Railways, stations located in major cities and towns.

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 work.

The details of allocation for development and maintenance of stations including for Amrit Bharat Station Scheme are maintained Zonal Railway-wise under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities' and not station-wise or State-wise. The funds allocated for the financial year 2024-25 are ₹15510.75 Crores.

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 brown field 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 high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.
