

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 106
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

DEVELOPMENT OF SMART STATIONS IN RAJASTHAN

**†*106. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to renovate/upgrade all the railway stations of the country including Rajasthan into smart stations, if so, the detail thereof;**
- (b) the station/district-wise details of the funds spent on these stations developed as smart stations situated in Sikar, Alwar, Karoli-Dholpur, Bharatpur, Sawai Madhopur, Jaipur, Tonk and Kota districts of Rajasthan;**
- (c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for development of smart stations by the Government; and**
- (d) 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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 106 BY SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI AND SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2022 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SMART STATIONS IN RAJASTHAN

(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways is undertaking techno-economic feasibility studies for redevelopment of Stations. Based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment in phases, especially the stations located in major cities and important tourist destination.

Work for redevelopment has been taken up at 45 stations while 22 stations are at different stages of tendering and planning on Indian Railways. So far, 7 stations in the State of Rajasthan viz Udaipur City, Gandhinagar-Jaipur, Kota, Dakaniya Talav, Jaipur, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur have been taken up for redevelopment under the scheme of 'Major Upgradation of Stations' on Indian Railways.

Modernisation and Upgradation of Railway stations and amenities is a continuous and ongoing process on Indian Railways and these works are carried out through the Plan-Head Customer Amenities (PH-53). The allocation and expenditure under PH-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not Station-wise or District-wise. There are 05 Railway Zones, namely, Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Western Railway, Western Railway and West Central Railway, which cater to the State of Rajasthan. The details of expenditure incurred by these Zones under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', during the last year and current year (till Oct. 2022) is as under:-

(Fig . ₹ in crore)

Zonal Railway	Northern	North Central	North Western	Western	West Central
Expenditure (2021-22)	221.68	118.82	51.39	255.77	49.93
Expenditure (Till Oct,2022)	213.22	65.14	24.11	91.78	18.68

Redevelopment of Railway Stations at this scale is complex in nature and requires detailed techno-economic feasibility studies and various statutory clearances from urban/local bodies etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time-frame can be indicated.
