

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2530
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

SMART STATIONS IN ODISHA

2530. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government is likely to develop the existing railway stations throughout the country as modern airports and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of railway stations identified to be upgraded as smart stations in the country, particularly in Odisha;**
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for all such stations during the last three years; and**
- (d) whether the Government has set up any target for the said redevelopment works 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. 2530 BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING SMART STATIONS IN ODISHA.

(a) & (b): 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, 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 ballast less tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

Presently, the scheme envisages to take-up 1275 stations over Indian Railways including 57 stations in the State of Odisha.

(c) The details of allocation of funds and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or Station-wise. The details of funds allocated and expenditure by Indian Railway for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', for the last three years and the current year are as under: -

(Fig. ₹ in crore)

Zonal Railways	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure (Till Jan, 2023)
CR	235.96	231.84	288.77	275.85	207.56	152.94	234.38	108.20
ER	112.84	115.25	182.13	158.95	151.16	145.21	173.98	80.98
ECR	137.43	141.91	166.87	165.46	166.83	146.42	162.39	132.08
ECOR	97.64	94.78	103.16	87.16	89.03	66.99	109.53	69.22
NR	150.77	152.31	268.37	247.25	217.71	221.68	235.37	297.33
NCR	65.30	77.65	182.94	163.41	134.81	118.82	147.57	96.11
NER	78.59	86.32	100.18	103.90	121.20	95.33	187.23	81.07
NFR	107.24	100.55	106.12	104.07	99.34	90.03	96.11	74.10
NWR	120.22	117.74	159.59	126.40	67.51	51.39	115.79	68.91
SR	106.74	114.43	213.11	204.70	218.22	154.23	327.78	108.34
SCR	151.39	150.29	199.37	219.80	191.56	154.56	135.15	100.47
SER	71.67	82.01	109.89	118.21	140.16	111.60	176.53	96.26
SECR	53.82	55.83	107.02	118.75	67.15	65.18	60.90	40.80
SWR	82.66	80.61	114.80	115.13	135.34	112.13	137.94	50.07
WR	254.45	254.62	252.01	318.04	261.00	255.77	311.62	130.45
WCR	37.39	34.10	50.95	46.08	66.00	49.93	77.32	30.09
MR	17.29	12.87	9.88	9.74	9.97	3.56	10.39	3.67
TOTAL	1881.40	1903.11	2615.15	2582.90	2344.55	1995.77	2700.00	1568.15

(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.
