

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2514
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

AMRITSAR RAILWAY STATION AS WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATION

2514. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Amritsar railway station is one of the major railway stations of North India;**
- (b) if so, whether this station is proposed to be developed as world class station under the Redevelopment Scheme; and**
- (c) the time by which the redevelopment work is likely to be initiated?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2514 BY SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING AMRITSAR RAILWAY STATION AS WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATION

(a) Yes, Sir.

(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.

Amritsar railway station is one of the stations identified for development under this scheme.

(c) 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.