

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2268
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

HISTORIC THANE RAILWAY STATION

†2268. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds have been made available for the development of Thane station on airport land by Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) under Central Railways;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the proposal has been approved;**
- (d) if so, the time by which the work is likely to start;**
- (e) whether the passengers have to face problems while entering and exiting the railway station as a result of a waiting room which is being built near the entrance by demolishing an existing building since last two years; and**
- (f) if so, the time by which the problems of the passengers are likely to be resolved?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2268 BY SHRI RAJAN VICHARE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2023 REGARDING HISTORIC THANE RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (f) Presently there is no proposal to develop Thane station on airport land by Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA).

Ministry of Railways has recently launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach.

The scheme 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 WiFi, 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.

Thane Station on Central Railway is one of the Stations identified for development under this scheme.

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

The waiting hall at the entrance of Thane station is completed and opened to Passengers on 23.07.2023.
