

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 297
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

COACH MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

***297. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of coach manufacturing industries in the country;**
- (b) the details of expenditure incurred to develop coach manufacturing facilities in the country;**
- (c) the measures taken by the Railways to develop railway stations in tier 2 and tier 3 cities of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;**
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to increase the high-speed tracks in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra along with the details of expenditure incurred thereof; and**
- (e) the steps taken to replace ICF coaches with LHB coaches?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS 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 STARRED QUESTION NO 297 BY DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT AND DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING COACH MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

(a) Ministry of Railways presently have three (03) coach manufacturing units.

(b) The total expenditure incurred to develop coach manufacturing facilities in Indian Railways is approximately Rs. 6322 Crores.

(c) Upgradation/ modernization 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 / modernization of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.

Recently, the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been launched 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.

So far 1309 Railway Stations have been identified under this scheme including 156 stations in Uttar Pradesh, 80 stations in Madhya Pradesh and 126 stations in Maharashtra.

(d) Ministry of Railways has presently sanctioned Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Corridor project in the country which is being implemented with technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan. The expenditure of Rs. 45,621 Crores has been incurred in the project by June, 2023.

Further, Ministry of Railways has taken up preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for following seven (7) High Speed Rail (HSR) corridors out of which two(02) are passing through the State of Uttar Pradesh and two(02) through Maharashtra:-

- (i) Delhi - Varanasi**
- (ii) Delhi – Ahmedabad**
- (iii) Mumbai – Nagpur**
- (iv) Mumbai – Hyderabad**
- (v) Chennai – Mysore**
- (vi) Delhi – Amritsar**
- (vii) Varanasi – Howrah**

(e) Indian Railways has stopped production of ICF design coaches with effect from 01.04.2018 and existing ICF coaches are being replaced with LHB coaches in a phased manner as per traffic requirements. Indian Railways has so far manufactured 35,766 LHB Coaches up to 31/07/2023 out of which 33299 LHB coaches have been manufactured during last 09 years.