

Re: Inclusion of Balurghat, Buniadpur and Gangaram Railway Stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme ? laid

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR (BALURGHAT): Indian Railway is undergoing a major transformation to boost infrastructure and enhance the passenger experience and travelling comfort. The Government is working hard on the modernisation of existing infrastructure. In this context, the redevelopment of railway stations is of immense importance. The Amrit Bharat Station 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. The Indian Railways has identified some railway stations across the country including the border areas for redevelopment under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the first phase. The allocation of funds for the development and maintenance of stations is done zonal Railway-wise. In this regard, I request the Government to include the Balurghat, Buniadpur and Gangaram Railway Stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.