

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1795  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

**MODERNISATION OF STATIONS IN JHARKHAND**

**1795. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of major railway stations that have been modernised along with the number of railway stations proposed to be modernised in the country, including Jharkhand;**
- (b) the details of the funds likely to be spent on each station along with the target fixed for modernisation of stations for the next financial year, State/Station-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to make the passenger amenities even better at the railway stations; and**
- (d) 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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1795 BY DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF STATIONS IN JHARKHAND**

**(a) to (d): Modernisation/upgradation of Railway Stations is a continuous and ongoing process. Based on the experience gained from redevelopment of Gandhinagar Capital, Rani Kamalapati and Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal etc, Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' across Indian Railways.**

**So far, 1309 number of stations including 57 in the State of Jharkhand have been taken up for development.**

**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 buildings, 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.**

**The details of allocation for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not state-wise or station-wise. Development of stations and provision of Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 ‘Customer Amenities’. Total allocation for the year 2023-24 is ₹13355 Cr. under Plan Head-53.**

**Modernization/Development of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc .and these factors affect the completion time .Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.**

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