

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:41

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DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS AS MODEL STATIONS

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

- (a) the criteria prescribed for selecting any railway station for development as a model railway station ;
- (b) the details of additional facilities provided in the model stations ;
- (c) the details of those railway stations in West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand which have been approved to be developed as model stations during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of the railway stations proposed to be developed as model stations in these States in the near future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 41 BY S/SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO AND PRABHUNATH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.03.2007 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS AS MODEL STATIONS

(a): While presenting the Railway Budget 1999-2000, the then Minister of Railways declared that all efforts will be made to make at least one station in each division as model station where higher level of passenger amenities will be provided. Consequent upon the announcement so made, 61 stations were initially selected as model station. Later on, more model stations were added from time to time. Now as per the announcement made during the presentation of Railway Budget 2006-07, all 'A' and 'B' category stations have been selected as model stations.

(b): Model Stations are to be provided with 'Desirable Amenities' such as retiring room, waiting room with bathing facility, cloak room, enquiry counter, interactive voice response system, public address system/computer based announcement, book stalls/other stalls of essential goods, refreshment room, parking/circulating area with lights, electronic train indicator board, public phone booths, water coolers, standardized signages, modular catering stalls, pay & use toilets, unreserved ticketing system, provision of ATMs etc.

Among 'A' Category stations, Non Suburban stations having annual passenger earnings more than Rs. 50 crores are called A-1 category stations and are provided with additional facilities like provision of cyber cafes, provision of atleast one AC VIP lounge, food plaza, train coach indication system, CCTV for announcement and security purpose, coin operated ticket vending machines, pre-paid taxi service, static mobile charging facility, facelift of station building including facade etc. These are prescribed desirable amenities for A1 category of stations only. Detailed list of desirable amenities to be provided at A1, A & B category stations is annexed. Provision of various amenities would depend on the category of the station.

(c): 8 stations from the State of West Bengal, 20 stations from Bihar and 4 stations from Jharkhand have been identified for development as model station during the last three years i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06 & 2006-07. These are:

Bihar Akshayawat Rai Nagar, Araria Court, Nayagaon, Narkatiaganj jn., Purnea jn., Sagauli jn., Sultanganj, Patna Sahib, Bakhtiyarpur, Biharsharif, Jamui, Jhajha, Kiul, Lakheesarai, Rajendra Nagar (T), Rajgir, Anugrah Narayan Road, Raxaul, Saharsa and Madhubani.

Jharkhand Sahibganj, Barharwa, Barkakana and Garhwa Road.

West Bengal Barrackpur, Naihati, Rishra, Srirampur, Rampurhat, Sheoraphulli, Chandannagar and Purulia.

(d): Railways are now giving priority to complete the development of stations which are already selected. No further stations have yet been identified.