

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) the number of railway stations modernized so far in Maharashtra including other States, particularly the tribal areas during the last three years;
- (b) the funds allocated particularly to the Western Railway for this purpose during the said period and the details thereof, station-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that there is severe shortage of drinking water at railway stations, particularly in tribal areas in Gujarat and the quality of water is also of lower level;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct a survey in this regard in the country, particularly in the Western Railway;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the scheme formulated for providing drinking water facility to the passengers at the railway stations, particularly in the tribal areas, and also for modernisation of the railway stations in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): During the year 2006-07, 334 railway stations were identified for modernisation on Indian Railways and further 303 more railway stations have been identified for modernisation during 2007-08, which includes stations in Tribal areas of Maharashtra State also. Out of this, 271 railway stations have been modernised. In Maharashtra State, 20 stations have been modernized under Touch and Feel scheme.
- (b): During the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, Rs. 253.03 crores, Rs. 401.10 crores and Rs. 493.30 crores respectively were allocated under Plan Head – Passenger Amenities for upgradation of passenger amenities at railway stations which include funds for works relating to improvement/modernization of railway stations. Funds allocated to Western Railway during the above years are Rs. 25.37 crores, Rs. 28.48 (Revised) and Rs. 41.77 crores respectively. Station-wise details of allocation of funds are not maintained.
- (c): There is problem of availability and quality of water during summer months at some stations. In such situation, water supply is arranged through rail or road tankers apart from normal water supply arrangements.
- (d) & (e): The availability of water at station is periodically reviewed to identify location of scarcity and to plan preventive action.
- (f): Railway has made efforts to ensure adequate sources of water supply by providing additional bores, hand pumps and taking supply of water through contract at stations wherever required. The water supply at platforms provided in water huts/water coolers/water hydrants is chlorinated to make it safe for drinking and regular check on the quality of water is carried out by Medical Department.