

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing Railway stations in the country, zone-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of the railway stations being upgraded/ modernised as on date, zone-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized on the job during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals for upgradation/ modernisation of railway stations during the last three years and current financial year as on date from various States particularly from Orissa;
- (e) if so, the details and action taken so far; and
- (f) the time by which all the proposals are to be acceded to and jobs are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a): The number of stations (excluding block huts and halt stations), zone-wise, as on 31.3.2003 are as under:Central Railway - 854, Eastern Railway - 663, Northern Railway - 1164, North Eastern Railway - 546, Northeast Frontier Railway - 432, Southern Railway - 744, South Central Railway - 689, South Eastern Railway - 791, Western Railway - 1023.State -wise figures are not maintained.

(b) & (c): Upgradation/renovation/ modernisation of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken every year, wherever warranted, on condition basis. Information with regard to the zone-wise & State-wise allocation, under the Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities', and the major modernization works (each costing above Rs. 50 lakhs & above) in progress, with expenditure incurred so far, and new works approved for the current year at various railway stations, are included in the Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme, Part II presented to the Parliament along with the Railway Budget Documents. While the list of major modernization works are available as given above, for other passenger amenity works costing below Rs.50 lakh each, lumpsum allotment is made to the respective Zonal Railways depending upon the total sums available, progress of works and need for carrying out new works based on their inter-se priorities. In addition, improvements at stations are also done in the course of Doublings, Gauge Conversions and provision of Passenger Reservation System (PRS), where warranted. Some improvements are also done in the course of annual repairs and maintenance. Such works are financed from provisions made to the Zonal Railways under the Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities'. Following were the allotments and utilization under this plan head during last three years:

Year Allotment (Budget Estimate) Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
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2001-02	190#	169
2002-03	200	175
2003-04	205	181##

excluding Build, Operate, Lease and Transfer (BOLT)

Provisional

(d) to (f): A large number of requests/ suggestions are received at various levels from the general public and people's representatives for provision of additional facilities at different stations and in trains. The details of all such requests are not compiled. Although it is Railways' endeavour to accommodate as many suggestions as possible, the works are undertaken considering the volume of traffic handled, relative importance of the station and the availability of resources. Zonal Railways have been instructed to take into account all such suggestions while formulating their Annual Works Programme & Rolling Stock proposals.

