

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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HOWRAH RAILWAY STATION
Bose Shri Subrata

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is preparing an action plan to deal the huge rushes and crowd at Howrah Railway Station;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the action plan is likely to be prepared and implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): At present, Howrah Station has 18 platforms. Two additional platforms are expected to be commissioned to deal with the extra rush and an additional coaching terminal is under construction at Chitpur to ease the extra passenger traffic presently being handled at Howrah Railway Station. Moreover, Railway Protection Force has installed a Closed-Circuit Camera Monitoring System to monitor the rush of passengers so that immediate action can be taken by the security forces to help ease the situation and take such regulatory measures as may be necessary. To deal with the rush on daily basis is an ongoing process.