

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1213
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2011
WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to convert some of the railway stations in the country into a world class railway stations;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the work on these stations is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1213 BY SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 3.03.2011 REGARDING WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATIONS

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b)& (c) 50 stations have been identified for development as world class station through innovative financing and in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode by leveraging real estate potential of the land around and the air space above the station.

Bidding process for world class station in PPP mode is initiated after Master Plan and Feasibility Report is prepared and in-principle approval of local bodies is obtained. Consultancy works for preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility Report had been taken up for New Delhi, CST Mumbai and Patna. Due to high cost of these projects, not much headway could be made. Action has also been initiated for appointment of Consultants for Secunderabad, Howrah, Anand Vihar (Ph.II), Chandigarh, Bijwasan, Kolkata, Porbandar, Surat, Ahmedabad, Sealdah and Chennai Central. For other stations, preliminary activities are being taken up by the Zonal Railways.

Work at site shall commence after award of concession and financial closure is achieved by the concessionaire. The completion of project is likely to take 5-6 years due to complexity and necessity to undertake the work while keeping the station operational.