

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:302
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2011
RAILWAY STATIONS IN METRO CITIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to modernize railway stations in various metropolitan cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any foreign consultant has been appointed for the modernization of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) station under the Central Railway;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the main terms, conditions and the financial provisions of the contract made between the Railways and the said consultant; and
- (e) the present status of the upgradation work at the said railway station as well as the other stations in the metropolitan cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.302 BY SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE AND SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2011 REGARDING RAILWAY STATIONS IN METRO CITIES.

(a) and (b) Yes Madam. 50 stations located in metropolitan cities and important centres have been identified for development as world class stations in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode by leveraging real estate potential of the land around and the air space above the railway stations as per the extant Govt. guidelines.

(c) and (d) M/s AREP VILLE, a French Consultancy firm, has been appointed as Architect & Technical Consultant for preparation of Master Plan & Feasibility Report for development of Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) Station as world class station. The value of the contract is ` 11.45 Crore and the agreement was signed on 11.05.2009. The terms and conditions of the consultancy contract include, inter alia, undertaking traffic studies, geo-technical investigations, real estate studies, heritage studies, environmental and social impact assessment and preparing submissions for the purpose of obtaining in-principle approvals of various local agencies/bodies, etc.

(e) Master Plan options have been prepared for CST Mumbai. As CST Mumbai is a world heritage site, the buffer zone around the heritage structure has to be rationalised to release space for expansion of activities and facilities. In this regard, an application has been submitted to World Heritage Centre/UNESCO. Proposal for change in land use has been submitted to the concerned local body.

Consultancy works for preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility Report had also been taken up for New Delhi and Patna. Action has also been initiated for appointment of Consultants for Secunderabad, Anand Vihar (Phase II), Chandigarh, Bijwasan, Porbandar, Surat, Ahmedabad, Sealdah and Chennai Central. For other stations, preliminary activities have been taken up by the Zonal Railways.