

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SUBURBAN ROUTES IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the passengers are facing difficulties due to lack of facilities at suburban routes in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways have any action plan to upgrade the railway stations in the suburban routes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways have any plan to make the stations disable friendly; and
- (e) if so, the stations selected for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Facilities as per norms have been provided at suburban stations of Mumbai area. Upgradation of passenger amenities at stations commensurate with increase in passenger traffic is a continuous process and is undertaken through Annual Works Programme depending upon availability of funds and other relative priorities. 66 sub-urban stations in Mumbai area have been identified for upgradation under various upgradation schemes, eg. Model Station Scheme, Touch & Feel Scheme, Extension of platforms to accommodate longer trains and Adarsh Station Scheme. Upgradation work at 20 stations has already been completed and at 5 stations work is planned for completion by March, 2010. Work of upgradation of 41 sub-urban stations of Mumbai area as Adarsh Stations with basic facilities such as drinking water, adequate toilets, catering services, waiting room and dormitories especially for ladies passengers, better signage etc. has been planned for execution during 2009-10.

(d) & (e): Railways have plans to make sub-urban stations disabled friendly after completion of such work at 'A-1', 'A' and 'B' category stations.