

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1077

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WORLD CLASS STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of upgradation of stations to the World Class Stations in the country, station-wise including Tirupati and Mangalore;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (c) the time by which the said stations are likely to be made functional as World Class Station?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1077 BY S/SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY, NALIN KUMAR KATEEL, P. BALRAM NAIK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.08.2012 REGARDING WORLD CLASS STATIONS.

(a) Master Plan options have been prepared for Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST). CST Mumbai is a world heritage site. As such, 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.

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, Mangalore, Trivandrum, Ernakulum, Sealdah and Chennai Central. For other stations including at Tirupati, preliminary activities have been taken up by the Zonal Railways.

(b) World class railway station projects are primarily envisaged through private investment and Government funds are required only for preparatory works such as consultancies for feasibility reports and advisory services, for which funds are allocated from time to time, as per requirement.

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