

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1652
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2013
RAILWAY STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have shortlisted the railway stations which are heavily congested and are unable to handle the passenger traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to redesign/redevelop such stations and also use their land adjacent to railway stations for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Railways propose to build houses for the slum dwellers encroachers in cooperation with the private parties/builders; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KOTLA JAYA SURYA PRAKASH REDDY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1652 BY DR. P. VENUGOPAL AND SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2013 REGARDING RAILWAY STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

(a) & (b): Railway stations are identified and classified on the basis of passenger earnings as 'A-I', 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F' category stations. Various amenities such as widening and extension of platforms, augmentation of foot over bridge, exits/entries of the stations, expansion of circulating area, construction of subways etc. are planned and provided as per norms based on the category of stations.

(c) & (d): 50 stations have been identified for redevelopment as World Class Stations by utilising land and space around these stations which will also take care of the aspect of congestion of these five station viz. Anand Vihar (Delhi), Bijwasan (Delhi), Chandigarh, Habibganj and Shivaji Nagar (Pune) have been entrusted to the recently formed Indian Railway Station Development Corporation (IRSDC) for redevelopment.

(e) & (f): Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing a scheme 'Rajiv Awas Yojna' (RAY) for rehabilitation of slum dwellers, on whole city 'slum free approach' basis. The scheme covers slums on Central Government as well as State Government lands. In Phase-I, the coverage of RAY shall be in 250 cities during 12th Five Year Plan. The choice of cities would be made by the State Government according to their aspirations.