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SMALL RAILWAY STATIONS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that most of the small railway stations in the country are in a dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the total number of such stations, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have any plan/scheme in place to improve their condition, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of stations on Hajipur-Muzaffarpur and Muzaffarpur-Mehsi lines along with the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for their expansion/improvement and providing stoppages of important trains thereon; and
- (e) the present status of upgradation of Habibganj station in Bhopal and extension/ renovation of platforms and railway stations in Tamil Nadu?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (d) There are no stations in dilapidated condition. Repair and maintenance of infrastructure is a continuous process and works in this regard are undertaken as and when warranted. Additional facilities including renovation / reconstruction of station buildings are taken up based on importance, inter-se priority of works and availability of funds. There are 11 stations (including Hajipur & Muzaffarpur) on Hajipur-Muzaffarpur line and 7 stations (excluding Muzaffarpur & including Mehsi) on Muzaffarpur- Mehsi line. To cater to the needs of passengers on Hajipur-Muzaffarpur and Muaffarpur-Mehsi sections, stoppage of trains serving these sections have been provided at stations subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, commercial viability etc. Moreover, provision of stoppage of trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways based, inter alia, on commercial viability, operational feasibility etc.

(e) At Habibganj station, works for extension of cover over platform at platform No. 1,improvement to platform surface on platform No.2 and at end of platform No.4/5, provision of additional benches on extended portion and Platform No.2, Elevator at the 2nd entry side, passenger traveller at platform No.1 and improvement in illumination level of circulating area with high mast have been completed. Further, the works of improvement of platform No.2 at Itarsi end and carriage watering & water booths on extended portion of platform have been undertaken. Habibganj station has been entrusted to the newly set up Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) for redevelopment. Consultant for preparation of Master Plan for redevelopment of station has been recently appointed.

The works of extension of platform(s) at Arambakkam, Akkampet, Ambur, Elavur, Gummidipundi, Jolarpettai, Kadayanallur, Karmelaram, Nanguneri, Samalpatti, Srivilliputtur, Sankarankovil, Vaiyampatti & Viranialur and renovation of Tambaram, Madurai Jn., Tirunelveli, Nagercoil Jn., Virudhunagar, Chidambaram, Kovilpatti, Tuticorin & Rameswaram stations in Tamil Nadu have been completed in recent times. In addition, the works for raising of platform from low level to high level at Maranhalli and Rayakottai stations have been completed.