

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4030
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2013
WORLD CLASS STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of upgradation of stations as world class stations in the country, station-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways propose Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for such upgradation;
- (c) if so, the details and the present status of progress thereof; and
- (d) the broad time frame set for implementation thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4030 BY SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.03.2013 REGARDING WORLD CLASS STATIONS.

(a) to (d) 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. These are Agra Cantt, Ahmedabad, Ajmer Jn., Allahabad, Ambala Cantt, Amritsar, Anand Vihar, Baiyapanahali, Bangalore City, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Bijwasan, Bolpur, Chandigarh, Chennai Central, CST Mumbai, Ernakulam, Gaya, Goa, Gorakhpur, Guwahati, Habibganj, Howrah, Jammu, Jhansi, Jaipur, Kanpur Central, Kharagpur, Kolkata, Kozhikode (Calicut), Kota, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Majerhat, Mangalore, Mathura, Nagpur, New Delhi, New Jalpaiguri, Patna, Porbandar, Pune, Puri, Sealdah, Secunderabad, Surat, Thane, Thiruvananthapuram, Tirupati and Varanasi.

These projects require detailed feasibility studies to develop Master Plans assessing techno-economical feasibility, and potential for commercial development, duly taking into account the need to keep the station operational while executing works. Consultancy works, for preparation of Master Plan & feasibility report were initially taken up for New Delhi, Mumbai CST & Patna, but the same could not be concluded so far due to various issues e.g. obtaining approval from local bodies, heritage clearances, etc.

Meanwhile, to have a more focussed approach in development of world class stations, Railways have set up a dedicated organization viz. Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC) for this purpose.

IRSDC has been initially entrusted with five stations viz. Anand Vihar (Delhi), Bijwasan (Delhi), Chandigarh, Habibganj(Bhopal) & Shivaji Nagar (Pune). More stations are planned to be entrusted in phases to IRSDC. Consultancy contracts for 4 of the above 5 stations have been awarded recently.

For the other stations, preliminary studies have been undertaken by the zonal Railways.

Based on the approved Master Plans & Feasibility Reports, bids are to be invited for award of redevelopment contract. After award of redevelopment contract, completion of project is likely to take 5 to 6 years due to complexity of work, approvals from local bodies, and necessity to undertake the work while keeping the station operational.