

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONDITION OF STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that many railway stations in Gujarat are in a dilapidated condition and lacking basic amenities and shelters on the platforms;
- (b) if so, the details of measures taken/being taken by the Railways to improve the conditions of these stations;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for development of Benipatti, Pirapur, Kanti, Nariyar and Motipur railway stations under East Central Railways with all the basic amenities;
- (d) whether the rail passengers union has submitted their demand for the purpose and if so, the action taken thereon by the Railways; and
- (e) the details of measures likely to be taken by the Railways to develop these stations as `Adarsh Stations`?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) There is no railway station in dilapidated condition in Gujarat. Repair and maintenance of infrastructure and improvement /augmentation of amenities including platform shelters is a continuous process and works in this regard are undertaken as and when warranted.
- (c) Kanti and Motipur are 'E' category stations. Benipatti Pirapur and Nariyar are 'F' category stations. All essential amenities are available at these stations.
- (d) Yes, Madam. Two representations have been received. As minimum essential amenities, as per norms, are already provided, no action is contemplated.
- (e) At present, these stations have not been identified for development under the Adarsh Station Scheme. Selection of railway stations as Adarsh station is based on the identified need for upgradation of amenities. Upgradation/modernization of stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken based on the volume of passenger traffic handled at the station, inter-se priority of works etc. subject to availability of funds.