

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3606

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WORLD CLASS STATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of upgradation of stations as world class station in the country, station-wise;
- (b) whether the pace of said upgradation work has been very slow;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor despite the said work being undertaken under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode; and
- (d) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Railways for effective and timely implementation of the said works?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE 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.3606 BY SMT.MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI AND SHRI ANTO ANTONY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.02.2014 REGARDING WORLD CLASS STATION

(a) to (d) 50 stations are identified for development as world class stations in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode by leveraging real estate potential of land around and air space above railway stations. These are Agra Cantt., Ahmedabad, Ajmer Jn., Allahabad, Ambala Cantt., Amritsar, Anand Vihar, Baiyapanahalli, 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 of commercial development, duly taking into account the need to keep the station operational while executing works. Consultancy studies for preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility Report were initially taken up for New Delhi, Mumbai CST and Patna, but the same could not be concluded so far due to various issues e.g. obtaining approval from local bodies, heritage clearances, availability of sufficient land etc.

To have a more focused approach in development of world class stations, Railways have set up a dedicated organization, viz, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC). IRSDC has been initially entrusted with five stations viz. Anand Vihar (Delhi), Bijwasan (Delhi), Chandigarh, Habibganj (Bhopal) and Shivaji Nagar (Pune). Consultancy contracts for all five stations have been awarded, Draft Master Plans and Feasibility Reports have been prepared and submitted to Zonal Railways/local bodies for approval. More stations may be entrusted in phases to IRSDC.

For other stations, preliminary studies were undertaken by the Zonal Railways.