

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1089
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2015
DEVELOPMENT OF STATIONS
Kataria Shri Rattan Lal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to upgrade some of the railway stations to world class Stations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/zone- wise and the norms specified in this regard;
- (c) whether the Ambala Cantt. Railway Station meets the said norms;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Railways proposes to take steps to upgrade the said station to a world class station; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(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. 1089 BY SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2015 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF STATIONS

(a) to (f): It has been decided now to offer stations, which would include, inter-alia, Ambala Cantt. station, for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways. However, the process for redevelopment of stations, already identified would continue.

Five stations viz. Anand Vihar & Bijwasan (Delhi/ Northern Railway), Chandigarh (Chandigarh UT/ Northern Railway), Habibganj (Madhya Pradesh/ West Central Railway) & Shivaji Nagar (Maharashtra/ Central Railway) were initially entrusted to Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC), for which draft Master Plans have been prepared and are under statutory approvals, except for Habibganj for which in-principle approvals had been obtained from concerned authorities. Request for Qualification for Habibganj station has been finalized and bidders shortlisted for redevelopment contract. Surat station has also been entrusted to IRSDC, for which consultancy contract has been awarded on 06.1.2015. Gandhinagar station has been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority, for which tenders for consultancy have been invited on 10.2.2015.

Bhubaneswar or New Bhubaneswar and Baiyyap- panahalli (Bengaluru) stations are identified for prefeasibility studies by China Railway Construction Engineering Group at their cost under an MOU between Indian Railways and National Railway Administration, Government of the People's Republic of China.