

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF STATIONS FOR TOURISM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have identified certain stations to be developed in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism;
- (b) if so, the names of the stations identified for the purpose along with the present status of progress made so far in their development;
- (c) the criteria adopted for selection of such stations for the purpose; and
- (d) the time-frame set for development of these stations?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The identified stations are Puri, Gaya, Tarapith, Tarakeshwar, Agra Cantt., Guwahati, Kamakhya, New Jalpaiguri, Amritsar, Rae Bareilly, Varanasi, Haridwar, Delhi Safdarjung, Kurukshetra, Jaipur, Ajmer, Tirupati, Hyderabad, Aurangabad, Nanded, Hospet, Madurai, Thiruvananthapuram and Rameshwaram,. In the first phase, 5 stations (Amritsar, Agra Cantt., Gaya, Rae-Bareilly and Thiruvananthapuram) have been jointly inspected by a team of officers from Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Tourism to identify the amenities needed and part allocation of funds made. In addition, Jaipur and Ajmer stations have been jointly inspected and works finalized while Delhi Safdarjung and Kurukshetra stations have been jointly inspected.

(c): The stations are identified on the basis of heritage and tourism importance of the stations / destinations it caters.

(d): No time-frame is set for completion of these works. However, Railways undertake these works on priority after release of funds by Ministry of Tourism.