

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4325
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

CATEGORISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

**4325. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criterion laid down for categorisation of railway stations in the country;**
- (b) whether some of the railway stations have been provided passengers' facilities/amenities below their eligibility as per the said categorisation in the country;**
- (c) if so, the details of such stations, zone-wise and the reasons therefor;**
- (d) the salient features of the Adarsh Station Scheme being implemented by the Railways and the present implementation status thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to give special impetus on improvement of passengers' amenities at small and medium railway stations across the country and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve passengers' facilities/amenities at railway stations across the country?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(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. 4325 BY SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE, SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB AND SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.03.2018 REGARDING CATEGORISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

(a): Criteria for categorisation of stations have been revised w.e.f. November, 2017. As per the new categorization, both number of footfalls and passenger earnings of stations have been taken into account for categorization of stations.

The stations have been clubbed into 3 groups i.e. Non-suburban (NSG), Suburban (SG) and Halt (HG). Further these groups have been put in grades ranging from 1-6, 1-3 and 1-3 respectively.

Category of stations	Criteria of Proposed Earnings	Criteria of Proposed outward Passengers handled@
NON SUBURBAN STATIONS		
NSG 1	More than 500 Crore	More than 20 Million
NSG 2	More than 100 crore, less than or equal to 500 Crore	More than 10 Million, less than or equal to 20 Million
NSG 3	More than 20 Crore, less than or equal to 100 Crore	More than 05 Million, less than or equal to 10 Million
NSG 4	More than 10 Crore, less than or equal to 20 Crore	More than 02 Million, less than or equal to 05 Million
NSG 5	More than 01 Crore, less than or equal to 10 Crore	More than 01 Million, less than or equal to 02 Million
NSG 6	less than or equal to 01 Crore	less than or equal to 01 Million
SUBURBAN STATIONS		
SG 1	More than 25 Crore	More than 30 Million
SG 2	More than 10 Crore, less than or equal to 25 Crore	More than 10 Million, less than or equal to 30 Million
SG 3	less than or equal to 10 Crore	less than or equal to 10 Million
HALT STATIONS		
HG 1	More than 50 lakh	More than 03 lakh
HG 2	More than 05 lakh, less than or equal to 50 lakh	More than 01 lakh, less than or equal to 03 lakh
HG 3	less than or equal to 05 lakh	less than or equal to 01 lakh

(b) & (c): Minimum Essential Amenities (MEAs) are provided at stations on Indian Railways as per norms. However, shortfall in amenities occurs due to upward revision in scale of amenities at various categories of stations. The Zone-wise details of stations having shortfall in MEAs as per norms are as under:

S.No.	Zonal Railway	No. of Stations having shortfall as per norms
1	Central	18
2	Eastern	NIL
3	East Central	52
4	East Coast	17
5	Northern	179
6	North Central	45
7	North Eastern	18
8	Northeast Frontier	8
9	North Western	102
10	Southern	40
11	South Central	NIL
12	South Eastern	NIL
13	South East Central	1
14	South Western	NIL
15	Western	NIL
16	West Central	NIL
Total		480

(d): Various passenger amenities which inter-alia include improvement of facade of the station building, retiring room, waiting room (with bathing facilities), separate waiting room for ladies, landscaping of circulating area, earmarked parking, signages, Pay & Use toilets, Foot Over Bridge, ramps at entry to station, separate parking for Persons with Disabilities

(Divyangjan), Non-slippery walkway, 'May I help you' booth, trolley path etc. are to be provided at Railway stations which are identified for development under 'Adarsh' Station scheme as per the respective category of the station. 1253 Railway stations have been identified for development under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme. Out of which, 1050 Railway station have been developed under this scheme as per norms.

(e): Improvement to Passenger amenities on Indian Railways is a continuous process. With a view to meeting the expectations of the passengers, Indian Railways is making all out effort to provide improved facilities at the stations including small and medium Railway stations. Indian Railways has more than 8500 Stations. It has always been the endeavour of the Railways to provide adequate amenities to the passengers at the stations. Certain amenities are provided at the time of construction of new stations based on anticipated volume of traffic. Amenities are further augmented from time to time with growth in passenger traffic handled at stations, based on the felt need, expectations of the travelling public and availability of funds.

(f): Modernisation/ upgradation of passenger amenities at railway stations is a continuous and on-going process. At present, stations are undertaken for development under 'Adarsh Station Scheme' and 1253 stations have been identified for development under this scheme.
