

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2361
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

RE-DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS

†2361. SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing and proposed plan for re-development of all railway stations which come under Khandwa Parliamentary Constituency;

(b) the plans of the Government for better railway connectivity to other major Indian cities from Khandwa;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new train in the said Parliamentary Constituency keeping in view of large public demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which the public demand is likely to be fulfilled ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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.2361 BY SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2022 REGARDING RE-DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS

(a): Ministry of Railways through various agencies is undertaking techno-economic feasibility studies of Railway stations. Based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for development in phases, especially the stations located in major cities and important tourist destinations. Khandwa station is one of them.

(b) to (d): Khandwa is well connected with Indian Railway Network. However, for further improvement of Railway connectivity from Khandwa, Railway has taken up Rathlam-Mhow-Khandwa-Akola (472.64Km) Gauge Conversion project. The anticipated cost is ₹ 5411 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 2261 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. An outlay of ₹ 350 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2021-22.

256 Km. length of the project has been commissioned. Land acquisition of 52 hectare revenue land, forestry clearance of 230 forest land in Madhya Pradesh and wild life clearances in Maharashtra, have been taken up. Work has been taken up in available land.

At present, Khandwa is being served by 69 pairs of trains which connect it *inter alia* to stations like Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Amritsar, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Kolkata, Secunderabad, Bengaluru, etc. At present, there is no immediate proposal for introduction of new train service from Khandwa. However, introduction of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification, competing demands, etc.
