

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.203
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

***203. DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI CHHOTE LAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has reviewed its 100 per cent electrification policy and is focusing on yearly targets actively and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has been trying to rope in the private sector for modernisation and redevelopment of railway stations in the country;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof together with the names of stations proposed to be modernised and commercially developed;**
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Government has not achieved the desired results; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 203 BY DR. K. GOPAL AND SHRI CHHOTE LAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.08.2018 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

(a) Indian Railways have prepared an Action Plan to optimally electrify balance Broad Gauge (BG) Routes in a phased manner.

Year wise details of balance BG rail routes planned for electrification is as under:-

Year	Route Kilometer planned for electrification
2018-19	6000
2019-20	7000
2020-21*	10500
2021-22*	10500

***This includes 13675 RKM of section appearing in Budget 2018-19, as new work, which will be taken up for execution only after requisite sanctions.**

(b) to (e) Indian Railways had advertised its plan to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations on Indian Railways for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways. The cost of station redevelopment was to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations. Twenty three stations were taken up for bidding in first phase by Zonal Railways under the Program. Out of these 23 stations, bids were received for two stations only, viz. Jammu Tawi (Northern Railway) and Kozhikode (Southern Railway) stations, which are under evaluation. No bids were received for other stations.

Redevelopment of stations has also been taken up through Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) which was set up in 2012 as a joint venture of IRCON International Limited (IRCON) and Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA). IRSDC has been entrusted the work of redevelopment of Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Gandhinagar, Habibganj (Bhopal), Surat and Shivaji Nagar (Pune) railway stations. Works have commenced at Habibganj and Gandhinagar stations. Bids for Surat station (Western Railway) and Anand Vihar, Bijwasan & Chandigarh (Northern Railway) have been invited.

Also, an MoU between Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and NBCC India Ltd. has been signed for development of the following 10 stations:

Tirupati, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Nellore, Madgaon, Lucknow, Gomtinagar, Kota, Thane new, Ernakulam Junction and Puducherry.

Contracts have been finalised for Gomtinagar and bids have been invited for Charbagh station (Lucknow) and Tirupati stations.

During various interactions with developers, investors and other stakeholders, various issues including longer lease period for commercially developed assets, multiple sub leasing, no restrictions on usage, guaranteed time bound approval by Railways' functionaries and simplified bid procedures were repeatedly raised. Ministry of Railways has finalised revised schemes for station redevelopment on fast track. A road map to further strengthen and empower Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC), as nodal agency to undertake redevelopment of more stations through simpler and transparent bidding procedures with various options and also for longer lease periods for commercial development has been prepared. Accordingly, a Cabinet note has been initiated seeking Cabinet approval on this revised strategy of station redevelopment programme.