

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 288
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**REDEVELOPMENT OF ALL RAILWAY STATIONS IN OSMANABAD
(MAHARASHTRA)**

**†288. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH
ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing and proposed schemes for redevelopment of all railway stations falling under Osmanabad parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra;

(b) the details of plans undertaken by the Government for ensuring better rail connectivity in the Country, specially in Osmanabad;

(c) whether the Government proposes to run a new train in the said parliamentary constituency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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. 288 BY SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT OF ALL RAILWAY STATIONS IN OSMANABAD (MAHARASHTRA)

(a) The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been launched for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks etc., as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far 1324 stations have been identified under this scheme including Osmanabad Railway Station in Osmanabad Parliamentary

Constituency. Tenders have been awarded at Osmanabad station and the works of improvement of station building, circulating area, waiting halls, platform surfacing etc. have been taken up.

However, development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, air-port clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

Further upgradation/development/redevelopment of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation/development/redevelopment of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.

(b) The Railway projects are not sanctioned State wise/UT wise/area wise/District wise as the Railways' Projects may span across various state boundaries.

As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Osmanabad, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approx. ₹ 7.44 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 12,045 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹ 2.92 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

The Average Annual Budget allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects across Indian Railways is given below:

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹ 11,527 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹ 67,199 crore	Nearly 5.8 times

The details of commissioning of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling across Indian Railways is given below:-

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	7,599 Km	4.2 Km/day	-
2023-24	5,309 Km	14.54 Km/day	About 3.5 times

(c) and (d) At present, Osmanabad station is being served by 09 pairs of regular train services providing connectivity to important places like Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, etc. Further, to cater the needs of passengers, stoppage of 05 pairs of special trains have also been provided. Besides, introduction of new train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
