

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3898
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**CONVERSION OF RAJGIR RAILWAY STATION INTO WORLD-
CLASS SMART RAILWAY STATION**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of world class railway stations in the country;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to develop the Rajgir Railway Station in Nalanda into a world class smart railway station;**
- (c) whether Rajgir is a world famous tourist place and tourists from all over the world visit this place throughout the year; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which approval is likely to be accorded to develop Rajgir Railway Station into Smart Railway Station?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' 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 such 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 ballast less tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 Nos. of Stations have been identified under this scheme, out of which 98 stations including Rajgir station are located in the state of Bihar. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the states of Bihar are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Stations
Bihar	98	Anugraha Narayan Road, Ara, Arariya Court, Bakhtiyarpur, Banka, Banmankhi, BapudhamMotihari, Barahiya, Barauni, Barh, Barsoi Jn, Begusarai, Bettiah, Bhabua Road, Bhagalpur, Bhagwanpur, Bihar Sharif, Bihiya, Bikramganj, Buxar, Chakia, Chausa, Chhapra, Dalsingh Sarai, Darbhanga, DauramMadhepura, Dehri On Sone, Dholi, Dighwara, Dumraon, Durgauti, Ekma, Fatuha, Gaya, Ghorasahan, Guraru, Hajipur Jn, Jamalpur, Jamui, Janakpur Road, Jaynagar, Jehanabad, Jhanjharpur, Kahalgaon, Karhagola Road, Katihar, Khagaria Jn, Kishanganj, Kudra, Labha, Laheria Sarai, Luckeesarai, Lakhminia, Madhubani, Maheshkhunt, Mairwa, Mansi Jn, Mashrakh, Mokama, Motipur, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Nabinagar Road, Narkatiaganj, Naugachia, Nawadah, Paharpur, Patliputra, Patna, Piro, Pirpainti, Rafiganj, Raghunathpur, Rajendra Nagar, Rajgir, Ram Dayalu Nagar, Raxaul, Sabaur, Sagauli, Saharsa, Sahibpur Kamal, Sakri, Salauna, Salmari, Samastipur, Sasaram,

		Shahpur Patoree, Shivanarayanpur, SimriBakhtiyarpur, Simultala, Sitamarhi, Siwan, Sonpur Jn., Sultanganj, Supaul, Taregna, Thakurganj, Thawe.
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Tenders for development works have been awarded and works have been taken up for 86 Amrit stations including Rajgir station located in the state of Bihar. At Rajgir Railway Station, station approach road work has been completed and works for construction of new station building, improvement of parking area and circulating area along with drainage work have been taken up. Other projects have exhibited good pace of execution. For example:-

- **At Gaya station, structural works of West side departure and arrival building, East side departure building, East side pilgrimage building and multi-level two-wheeler parking have been completed and works of construction of concourse, new platform shelters, etc. have been taken up.**
- **At Muzaffarpur station, structural works of new Combined Terminal Building, South side arrival block building, booking counters, office buildings have been completed and works of construction of new Foot Over Bridge, departure block, elevated roads, etc. have been taken up.**

- **At Saharsa station, structural works of new station building including new waiting hall and toilet block, improvement of parking area and entrance gate have been completed and works of construction of new 12 m wide Foot Over Bridge, boundary wall, new platform shelters, electrical works of building, etc. have been taken up.**
- **At Salauna station, structural works of new station building, circulating area, parking area, road work and raising of platform no. 2 have been completed and works of construction of new 12 m Foot Over Bridge, raising of platform no. 1, etc. have been taken up.**

Further, 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 brownfield related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipelines, power/signal cables etc.), infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of tracks and high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

Development / upgradation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or station-wise or State-wise. The state of Bihar is covered by four zones viz. Eastern Railway, East Central Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway. During the last two financial years and in the current financial year, allocation of ₹ 4,288 Crores has been made for these zones. Expenditure of ₹ 2,948 Crores has been incurred during last two financial years and in the current financial year i.e. 2024-25 (up to October, 2024) for these zones.
