

Need to develop Bhubaneswar New Railway Station at Barang in Odisha as a smart railway station.-laid

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): This is with regard to the development of the `Bhubaneswar New? Railway Station located at Barang, on the Bhubaneswar? Barang Corridor. The station was initially developed by RVNL as a basic wayside station to cater to the local and transit passenger needs. While this was a good starting point, it is now imperative that further steps be taken to upgrade and modernize this station to meet the growing demands of the increasing population and to align it with the broader vision of TWIN CITY of both Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. As both Bhubaneswar and Cuttack as twin city continues to evolve as a key metropolitan city, it is crucial that modernization of infrastructure to support not only the growing number of railway passengers but also to create a seamless, world class travel experience for our citizens and visitors. In view of this, I propose the development of the `Bhubaneswar New? Railway Station in to a state-of-the-art facility, in alignment with the Smart City initiative, incorporating smart technology, eco-friendly practices, and enhanced passenger amenities. To ensure the effective development and timely execution of this vision, I would urge the Government to accord approval of a comprehensive development roadmap for the station, outlining the necessary steps and milestones required to transform the station into a world-class transportation hub and provision of timelines and budgetary support from the Ministry. I would request the Government to provide necessary support to successfully transform `Bhubaneswar New? Railway Station into a modern, efficient, and smart station that will be a model for future railway station development across the country.