

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5740  
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001  
PASSENGER AMENITIES  
DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have decided to provide better facilities to rail passengers at all railway stations of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, station-wise;
- (c) whether these facilities include provision of sheds, proper boundary of platforms, drinking water, separate toilets for men and women and construction of over-bridges connecting each platform;
- (d) whether these facilities also include provision of good quality public address system at all stations and ensuring non-halting of goods trains at passenger platforms;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5740 BY SH DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.08.2001 REGARDING PASSENGER AMENITIES

(a): Yes, Sir. There are over 7000 railway stations on Indian Railways. Upgradation/extension/renovation/modernization of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken every year wherever warranted on traffic needs and on condition basis. Every year adequate allocations are made for this purpose. In the Railway Budget 2001-02, an allocation of Rs. 200 crores has been made for Passenger Amenity works.

(b) & (c): The stations have been categorized into six categories based upon the annual earnings and the different norms have been laid to provide appropriate passenger amenities according to the category of the station. The list of facilities include provision of platforms, drinking water, separate toilets for men and women and FOBs. The scale of provision is dependent on category of station.

(d) to (f): The facility of Public Address System is provided at stations where there is sizeable traffic. Since railway infrastructure which, inter-alia includes, railway trains, station yard etc. is commonly shared by freight and passenger services, it is not possible to ensure that no goods trains halt at passenger platforms.