

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REFURBISHMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to refurbish 335 railway stations across the country;
- (b) if so, the criteria for selection of those stations;
- (c) the services which are proposed to be taken up on priority basis and the time-frame within which these are proposed to be completed;
- (d) the machinery for keeping a constant watch on those services so that they are not neglected in future;
- (e) whether the Railways propose to have a special drive for revamping the railway stations in the metropolitan cities and State capitals; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): Railways have been advised to select 5 stations, on each Division (there are 67 Divisions on Indian Railways) out of the declared model station or important stations including stations falling in Metropolitan cities and State Capitals for effecting modernization and giving facelift.

Some of the areas which are to be given adequate attention in this regard are as under:-

- (i) Improvements in the facade of the station building,
- (ii) Improvement in the circulating area so as to ensure proper entry and exit of vehicles etc.
- (iii) Installation of a lighting tower at an appropriate place for proper illumination,
- (iv) Improved, modern, cost effective lighting arrangements at the platforms, concourse etc.,
- (v) Renovated water booths,
- (vi) Renovated, modern, Pay & Use toilets,
- (vii) Good waiting and retiring room with modern furniture,
- (viii) Good passenger guidance system including signages and coach indication boards,
- (ix) Improvement to the platform surface,
- (x) Improvement of booking office and enquiry offices to give them a facelift, and
- (xi) Lighting of booking office, the queuing area in front of booking windows.

Planning and execution of above works shall be monitored at sufficiently higher level i.e. at the level of Divisional Railway Manager in Division and General Manager on Zonal Railways. The progress is also being monitored at apex level in Railway Board.

These works are targeted for completion by February, 2007.