

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:257

ANSWERED ON:15.03.2007

CONVERSION OF RAILWAY STATIONS INTO WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the railway stations proposed to be converted into world-class railway stations;
- (b) the details of the facilities proposed to be provided at these stations alongwith the expenditure to be incurred thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by the Railways and the progress made so far in this regard?.

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 257 BY S/SHRI JIVABHAI AMBALAL PATEL AND THAWARCHAND GEHLOT, TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.07 REGARDING CONVERSION OF RAILWAY STATIONS INTO WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATIONS.

(a) Nineteen stations viz. Pune, Carnac Bunder (Mumbai), Howrah, Lucknow, Anand Vihar (Delhi), Bijwasan (Delhi), Amritsar, Chandigarh, New Delhi, Varanasi, Chennai, Thiruvanthpuram, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Patna, Bhubaneshwar, Mathura, Bangalore & Bhopal have been selected to convert into world class stations.

(b) & (c) Railway Board have issued guidelines to zonal railways for developing the identified stations into world class stations. As per the guidelines, the proposed World Class stations would broadly have state of art station building provided with all modern passenger amenities like food plazas, currency exchange counter, hotels, retail outlets, ATM facilities etc. It may have separate departure and arrival arenas to streamline passenger movements with proper connectivity to other transport modes; well illuminated circulating area, adequate signages, inter platform transfer through elevators, barrier free excess for physically challenged persons etc.. The development will be done on Public Private Partnership basis. Consultants are being engaged for preparing the scheme, preparing financial model and concession agreement based on which the development will be. It is expected that the funds required for the development will be mobilized by the selected developer by leveraging the available land/air space. Pre-qualification of consultants for New Delhi Station has been done.