

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:50

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WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the parameters laid down to select a railway station for developing it as 'world class standard';
- (b) whether the Railways have selected some railway stations in the country to upgrade those as world class;
- (c) the names of the cities where these world class railway stations are proposed to be set up;
- (d) the expenditure incurred/proposed to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) the time by which the said proposals are likely to be started and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 50 BY SHRI P.P CHAUHAN, SHRI KACHHADIA NARANBHAI, SHRI PRABODH PANDA AND SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.11.2009 REGARDING WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATIONS

(a): Stations located in metropolitan cities and important centres are identified for undertaking the feasibility study for development into world class stations through PPP (Public Private Partnership) mode by leveraging the real-estate potential of the land around and the air space above the stations.

(b) & (c): Stations identified so far for development into World Class Stations are Agra Cantt, Ahmedabad, Ajmer Jn., Allahabad, Amritsar, Anand Vihar, Baiyapanahali, Bangalore City, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Chennai Central, CST Mumbai, Gaya, Goa, Guwahati, Habibganj, Howrah, Jaipur, Kanpur Central, Kolkata, Kozhikode (Calicut), Lucknow, Majerhat, Mangalore, Mathura, Nagpur, New Delhi, New Jalpaiguri, Patna, Porbandar, Pune, Puri, Sealdah, Secunderabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Tirupati, Varanasi.

(d) & (e): In the PPP mode, Government's expenditure is limited to consultancy and viability gap, if any. This will be known after competitive bidding process is completed. Bidding process for world class stations in PPP mode is initiated after Master Plan and Feasibility Report is prepared and in-principle approval of the local agencies is obtained, which takes about one and half year. Consultancy works for preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility Report has been taken up for New Delhi, CST Mumbai and Patna. Action has also been initiated for appointment of Consultants for Secunderabad, Howrah and Chennai Central. Work at site shall commence after award of concession and financial close is achieved by the concessionaire. The completion of project is likely to take 5-6 years due to complexity and necessity to undertake the work while keeping the station operational.