

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS UNDER EAST COAST RAILWAY ZONE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways have any proposal for expansion and modernisation of different railway stations including Bolangir and Titilagarh under East Coast Railway and also to make Bolangir a model station;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware of poor passenger amenities at Bolangir Railway Station in Orissa;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): 29 stations of East Coast Railway including Bolangir and Titilagarh have been selected as modern station for the purpose of modernization and giving a face-lift. There is no proposal at present to make Bolangir a model station.

(c) to (e): Bolangir is a 'D' category station where average daily passenger is 1459. Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms have already been provided at Bolangir station commensurate with number of passengers dealt there. Some of the other important facilities provided at the station are:

1. Passenger Reservation System;
2. One Second Class combined waiting hall;
3. One Upper Class waiting rooms (for ladies & gents separately);
4. Two VIP lounge;
5. One four-bedded dormitory;
6. One two-bedded retiring room;
7. High level platforms;
8. Provision of ATMs; and
9. Refreshment room.