



Indian Railways Approves ₹299 Crore Visakhapatnam Coaching Yard Remodelling Project to Enhance Capacity and Passenger Facilities

Project to Add 6 New Platforms and 6 Additional Lines While Widening of Existing Six Platforms to Handle Growing Passenger Traffic

New East-Side Station Entrance, Electronic Interlocking, Surface Parking and Efficient Circulation Plan to Transform Passenger Experience

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In a major boost to passenger infrastructure and operational efficiency, Indian Railways has approved the remodelling of the Visakhapatnam Coaching Yard of South Coast Railway at a cost of ₹299 crore. The project aims to significantly enhance the station's handling capacity, improve punctuality and provide modern passenger amenities at one of the busiest railway terminals in the country.

Comprehensive Remodelling of Visakhapatnam Coaching Yard

The sanctioned project includes comprehensive remodelling of the Visakhapatnam Coaching Yard through construction of additional lines and platforms along with Electronic Interlocking (EI).

Visakhapatnam Railway Station is a major coaching terminal handling nearly 80,000 passengers every day with an average of 113 trains daily. Owing to the existing yard layout, terminating and through trains are required to negotiate surface crossings, leading to detention at approach signals, reduced platform availability and operational constraints.

The yard remodelling will minimise the impact of these surface crossings, reduce detention time, improve platform occupancy and enable handling of additional trains.

Major Capacity Enhancement and Passenger-Centric Infrastructure

The scope of work includes:

- Dismantling of line loop lines and reorganising the point zones.
- Widening of the existing six platforms.
- Construction of six additional platforms equipped with modern passenger amenities.
- Construction of six additional railway lines.
- Development of passenger utilities, including ramps, lifts and escalators on the widened platforms to improve accessibility and passenger convenience.
- Creation of a new entrance on the eastern side of the station along with relocation of the Passenger Reservation System (PRS).
- Installation of Electronic Interlocking (EI) in the Visakhapatnam station yard along with development of surface parking facilities and an efficient circulating area plan.

Improved Operational Efficiency and Passenger Convenience

The remodelling project will significantly improve operational efficiency by reducing congestion within the coaching yard, increasing platform availability and facilitating smoother movement of trains. The additional infrastructure will enable Visakhapatnam station to handle growing passenger demand while improving punctuality and reducing detention of trains.

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