

Ticket booth at Gorakhpur stn will be made in 300 sqmt area

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Later, after a minor amendment (project cost reduced) in the detailed project report (DPR) by the railway board, the project was approved in June.

CPRO NER Pankaj Kumar said, "The PM will lay the foundation stone for Gorakhpur junction and flag off Vande Bharat Express for Lucknow."

Railways will invest around Rs 498 crore in next five-years and develop the station, keeping in mind the needs of the next 50 years. The 138-year-old station, which was upgraded several times over the years including yard remodelling in 2013 which commissioned the world's longest platform, currently handles around 92,750 passengers per day.

The station will have a waiting area of 6,300 sqmt with 3,500 seating capacity for passengers. At peak hour traffic, the station will be able to handle nearly 17,000 passengers which is currently around 9,000.

The main station building will be spread across 17,900 sqmt area, which is double the size of the current area. Similarly, the second entry to the station building which is currently spread on 720sqmt area, would be built on 7,400 sqmt area. There will be 44 lifts and 21 escalators in the station. A ticket booth will be constructed in 300 sqmt area. According to project details of the Gorakhpur railway sta-



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tion, the parking area could accommodate 838 vehicles, which is double the number of vehicles (427) parked now. Further, there would be a sky-walk connecting the metro station and bus station, which would reduce the transit time from half an hour to 15 minutes.