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SŽDC Presents a Plan for Reconstruction and Revitalization of Railway Stations over the Next Five Years

In the first year of the railway station administration, SŽDC had intensively worked on preparation of a detailed plan of complex reconstruction, modernization and revitalization of the passenger buildings, meaning not just partial interventions and acute repairs. Construction works are expected at more than hundreds of station buildings and stops every year. From this point of view, the next year can be seen as a breakthrough as a higher number of larger investment events will take place. The state organization has also been planning to prepare overall modernizations of 50 stations every year. Total management, repair and investment costs between the years 2017 and 2022 will reach CZK 8.4 billion.

For the first year of the railway station administration, SŽDC had spent more than CZK 215 million on repairs, construction adjustments or project preparation. There are 149 fully completed constructions for nearly CZK 110 million, another dozens of larger or smaller repairs are running at the moment.

"We have succeeded in bringing the station's transfer to state property and thus opening the way for greater investments in neglected buildings. I'm glad that the works started right after the transfer happened and the first results are already visible. Anyone, who regularly travels by train, however, confirms that so much still remains to be done in this area. Nevertheless, there will be a rapid increase in the number of modernized railway stations within the upcoming years", says Mr. Dan Ťok, Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic.

This year, there are planned repairs worth almost CZK 600 million. Another amount of CZK 45 million is meant to launch more extensive reconstructions of the seven railway stations in Břeclav, Kuřim, Hradec Králové, Turnov, Lipník nad Bečvou, Přerov and Sokolov. SŽDC will spend CZK 74 million on a project preparation for almost 70 stations. *"In the upcoming years, the amount for larger construction projects will continue to increase. There are undergoing modernization preparations of the Prague Central Station, the station in České Budějovice and the main station in Plzeň and Pardubice",* says Mr. Pavel Surý, Director General of SŽDC.

This year's first investment project and also partial repair works will have been completed next year. *"This year, the main part of the amount will be meant for the project preparation of circa fifty actions which will be a basis for the implementation of constructions in future years. An amount of approximately half a billion crowns is scheduled for the next year to start or continue with the implementation of investment projects"*, adds Mr. Tomáš Drmola, Deputy DG for Assets Management:

But even this year, major reconstructions of station buildings will be launched, for instance, in Bílina, Frenštát pod Radhoštěm, Křižanov, Šternberk and Huštěnovice as well as the long-awaited reconstruction of the Kolín station.

During the next year 2019, the list of investment events will grow by another fifty. Regular stations, where a modernization is required due to their construction technical condition as well as stations which are important from a passenger perspective should be a part of it. These will be large stations with a significant number of passengers, such as the Prague Main Station or the railway stations in Beroun, České Budějovice, Plzeň, Jihlava, Chodov or the station Prague Smíchov. SŽDC expects that an average of 50 projects will be prepared annually for greater revitalization in the years 2019 and 2022 which will require around CZK 900 million a year.

"Our plans are best seen from the numbers themselves. If we compare this year, when we partially repair approximately 172 stations and start a major upgrading of seven passenger buildings, the number of investment constructions will increase from 7 to 27 in the following year. In five years in total, we will partially repair nearly 400 stations and completely revitalize 160 of them", names Mr. Tomáš Drmola.

"The preparation of the plans is very important. We can start to work systematically and prepare the constructions. However, we must count with the possible risks that can change our ideas. We see certain limitations in the evaluation of economic efficiency of the projects. I'm afraid that we will not avoid necessary reductions of over-sized objects", explains the Deputy DG Drmola. Another important factor is the attractiveness of smaller railway stations and a difficult search for the use of not only commercial spaces. *"We also have to deal with possible delays in the preparation of projects and market capacity opportunities of the project work suppliers who have experiences on track constructions"*, he adds.

Examples of planned major modernizations of railway stations in individual regions		
Region	Start of construction works	Costs (in CZK million)
Capital City of Prague		
Prague Main Station	2019	945
Prague-Smíchov	2019	160
Jihočeský Region		
České Budějovice	2019	165
Jihomoravský Region		
Znojmo	2020	88
Karlovarský Region		
Cheb	2022	149
Královéhradecký Region		
Chlumeck nad Cidlinou	2020	53
Liberecký Region		
Liberec	2021	119
Moravskoslezský Region		
Opava West	2019	36
Ostrava-Vítkovice	2021	64
Olomoucký Region		
Šternberk	2018	31
Kojetín	2020	50
Nezamyslice	2021	49
Pardubický Region		
Letohrad	2020	30
Plzeňský Region		
Horažďovice	2019	11
Plzeň Main Station	2020	325
Středočeský Region		
Beroun	2019	55
Kralupy nad Vltavou	2020	72
Mladá Boleslav Main Station	2020	54
Nymburk Main Station	2021	51
Ústecký Region		
Lovosice	2019	60
Most	2020	146
Vysočina Region		
Křižanov	2018	31
Velké Meziříčí	2018	30

Jihlava	2019	65
Zlínský Region		
Huštěnovice	2018	9
Chropyně	2020	17

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