### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2169 ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

#### **NASHIPUR RAIL BRIDGE**

#### 2169 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the anticipated timeline for the commencement of train services on the Nashipur Rail Bridge;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to rename the Nashipur Rail Bridge to Rani Bhawani Rail Bridge and whether any decision has been taken in this regard;
- (c) whether there are plans to run Vande Bharat, Shatabdi, Express, or Local Trains from the Nashipur Rail Bridge; and
- (d) the specific steps being taken to ensure the timely completion and operational readiness of the Nashipur Rail Bridge for train services?

#### ANSWER

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Nashipur Rail Bridge connects Azimganj station with Murshidabad station. At present, Azimganj station is being served by 86 train services while Murshidabad station is being served by 35 train services. Besides, introduction of train services, including on newly commissioned section, is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc. Normally, important Railways bridges are named after names of rivers etc. However, if any change of name is considered essential, the same is recommended by the State Government for approval by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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