

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 308
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2026

MODERNISATION OF PATNA JUNCTION UNDER ABSS

*308 SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Patna Junction has been included under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) launched in 2023 for large-scale modernisation of railway stations;
- (b) the total project cost sanctioned, stage of implementation and expected completion timeline;
- (c) whether passenger amenities such as waiting halls, lifts, escalators, accessibility features and integrated transport connectivity are being upgraded; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure minimal disruption to daily commuters during redevelopment and enhance passenger capacity in view of increasing footfall from Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.308 BY SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 20.03.2026 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF PATNA JUNCTION UNDER ABSS

(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach. So far, 1338 stations have been identified for redevelopment under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 98 stations including Patna Junction are located in Bihar.

At Patna Railway station, following works have been completed in recent years:

- Renovation of main station building,
- Provision of platform shelters,
- Development of north side circulating area,
- Improvement of foot over bridges and platform shelters,
- Development of new parking area and access from Mithapur flyover side,
- Quick watering arrangement and improvement of divyangjan facilities

Besides the above following works have been taken up:

- Improvement of platform surface,
- Improvement of passenger interface area,
- Provision of escalators,
- Improvement of water booth and toilets

In addition to above, the works for provision of additional platform shelters and provision of Integrated Passenger Information System (IPIS) along with LED panel based Train Indication Board (TIB) have been sanctioned.

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations. The master planning, keeping in view the necessity at each station includes:-

- Improvement of access to station and circulating areas
- Integration of station with both sides of city
- Improvement of station building
- Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths
- Provision of wider foot over bridge/air concourse commensurate with passenger traffic
- Provision of lift/escalators/ramp
- Improvement /Provision of platform surface and cover over platforms
- Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’
- Parking areas, Multimodal integration

- Amenities for Divyangjans
- Better passenger information systems
- Provision of executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc.

The scheme also envisages sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

The stations identified for redevelopment under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Bihar are as following:-

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Bihar	98	Anugraha Narayan Road, Ara, Arariya Court, Bakhtiyarpur, Banka, Banmankhi, Bapudham Motihari, Barahiya, Barauni, Barh, Barsoi Jn, Begusarai, Bettiah, Bhabua Road, Bhagalpur, Bhagwanpur, Bihar Sharif, Bihiya, Bikramganj, Buxar, Chakia, Chausa, Chhapra, Dalsingh Sarai, Darbhanga, Dauram Madhepura, Dehri On Sone, Dholi, Dighwara, Dumraon, Durgauti, Ekma, Fatuha, Gaya, Ghorasahan, Guraru, Hajipur Jn, Jamalpur Jn, Jamui, Janakpur Road, Jaynagar, Jehanabad, Jhanjharpur, Kahalgaon, Karhagola Road, Katihar Jn, Khagaria Jn, Kishanganj, Kudra, Labha, Laheria Sarai, Lakhminia, Luckeesarai Jn, Madhubani, Maheshkhunt, Mairwa, Mansi Jn, Masrakh, Mokama, Motipur, Munger (Monghyr), Muzaffarpur Jn, Nabinagar Road, Narkatiaganj Jn, Naugachia, Nawadah, Paharpur, Patliputra, Patna Jn, Piro, Pirpainti, Rafiganj, Raghunathpur., Rajendra Nagar Terminal (Patna), Rajgir, Ram Dayalu Nagar, Raxaul, Sabaur, Sagauli, Saharsa, Sahibpur Kamal, Sakri, Salauna, Salmari, Samastipur, Sasaram, Shahpur Patoree, Shivanarayanpur, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Simultala, Sitamarhi, Siwan, Sonpur Jn., Sultanganj, Supaul, Taregna, Thakurganj, Thawe

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Bihar have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, works of 02 stations (Pirpainti and Thawe) in Bihar have been completed under this scheme. The activities for development at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations located in Bihar is as given below:-

- **Saharsa station:** The works for construction of new station building including new waiting hall and toilet block, improvement of parking area, new platform shelters, improvement to circulating area, entrance gate and boundary wall in circulating area have been completed. The works of construction of new 12 m wide foot over bridge has been taken up.

- **Supaul station:** The works for construction of new station building including new waiting hall and toilet block, upgradation of platform 1, new platform shelters, improvement to circulating area and entrance gate have been completed. The works for construction of new 12 m wide foot over bridge and improvement of parking area have been taken up.
- **Salauna station:** The works for construction of new station building including new waiting hall and toilet block, new platform shelters, circulating area improvement, entrance gate and construction of boundary wall in circulating area have been completed. The works for construction of new 12 m wide foot over bridge and platform wall have been taken up.
- **Kishanganj station:** The works of platform surfacing at platform no. 1&2, drinking water taps at platform no. 1&2, improvement of circulating area, parking at second entry, approach road and boundary wall have been completed. The works of horticulture and 12 m wide foot over bridge have been taken up.

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station are carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.

Development / upgradation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not station-wise or State-wise. Patna Junction railway station falls under the jurisdiction of East Central Railway (ECR) for which a total allocation of ₹734 crores (RE) has been made for the financial year 2025-26 under Plan Head-53.

Further, development/redevelopment of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage. However, all efforts are generally made to execute the station development works with minimal inconvenience to passengers by provision of proper demarcation and barricading of affected areas, signages and creation of alternative facilities.
