

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 917  
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2026

**PROLONGED CLOSURE OF PHULWARI SHARIF RAILWAY CROSSING**

917 SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the level crossing at Phulwari Sharif, located behind Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport, Patna, has remained closed for several months for the construction of a proposed railway underpass;
- (b) whether the tender process for the said underpass has already been completed and administrative approvals obtained;
- (c) the reasons for non-commencement of construction work despite prolonged closure causing severe inconvenience to residents, school children, emergency services and commercial traffic; and
- (d) the timeline by which construction of the railway underpass is likely to commence and to be completed to restore normal connectivity in the area?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): The work for construction of Road Under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of Level Crossing (LC) No. 33 at km 550/1-3 near Phulwari Sharif situated behind Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport, Patna has been sanctioned. The LC has been closed for construction work and a temporary diversion has already been constructed for the movement of small vehicles /bikes/auto rickshaw etc. The work is being executed by Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Limited. Utility shifting work for the construction of RUB has been started. GAD has been approved.

Completion & commissioning of ROB/RUB works depends on various factors like cooperation of State Governments in giving consent for closure of LC, fixing of approach alignment, approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD), land acquisition, removal of encroachment, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, law and order situation in the area of project / work sites, duration of working season in a year for the particular project / area due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the projects / works.

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