

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1572
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LIMITED NUMBER OF TRAINS PASSING THROUGH MUNGER GANGA RAIL BRIDGE

1572# SHRI SANJAY YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Munger Ganga Rail Bridge was inaugurated in 2016, but even after ten years of its inauguration, the number of trains passing through the bridge remains limited, thereby preventing the bridge from being utilised to its intended capacity;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to run a superfast train via Kiul, Gaya, Koderma and Hazaribagh to directly connect Jharkhand through this bridge, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal by the Railways to start the Amrit Bharat Express from Munger to Delhi via Begusarai, Barauni, Muzaffarpur, Chhapra and Siwan, if so, the timeline thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) Munger Ganga Rail Bridge located between Sabdalpur and Munger on the Sabdalpur-Munger-Jamalpur section, is well utilized and there is no restriction limiting the number of trains operating through or the utilization of Munger Ganga Rail Bridge.

Presently, the line capacity utilization of Munger-Jamalpur section (section adjoining the bridge) is around 150%. Therefore, to augment connectivity and capacity of Jamalpur-Sabdalpur section, survey for Jamalpur-Sabdalpur doubling including construction on river Ganga rail bridge at Munger (15 Km) has been completed and DPR has been prepared. After preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines depends upon appraisals and approvals by various stakeholders.

Presently, the following 09 pairs of trains (04 pairs of Mail/Express trains & 05 pairs of Passenger trains) are being operated through the Munger Ganga Rail Bridge :-

SN	Train No. & Name
1	15925/15926 Deoghar-Dibrugarh Express
2	15625/15626 Deoghar-Agartala Express
3	15089/15090 Godda-Gomti Nagar Express
4	15553/15554 Bhagalpur-Jaynagar Express
5	73451/73452 Tilrath - Jamalpur DEMU
6	73461/73462 Maheshkhunt - Jamalpur DEMU
7	73453/73454 Tilrath - Jamalpur DEMU
8	73463/73464 Khagaria - Jamalpur DEMU
9	63397/63398 Jamalpur - Saharsa MEMU

Presently, Jamalpur is connected to Gaya & Kiul by 06 pairs and 36 pairs of trains respectively while it is connected to Koderma/Hazaribagh by 02 pairs of Special trains. The trains serving these sectors are listed below:

Trains serving Jamalpur-Gaya sector: -

SN	Train No. & Name
1	13435/13436 Malda Town-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
2	15619/15620 Gaya-Kamakhya Express
3	13023/13024 Howrah-Gaya Express
4	12329/12330 Godda-New Delhi Humsafar Express
5	53403/53404 Rampurhat-Gaya Passenger
6	63387/63388 Jamalpur-Gaya Passenger

Trains serving Jamalpur-Kiul sector: -

SN	Train No. & Name
1	13435/13436 Malda Town-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
2	15619/15620 Gaya-Kamakhya Express
3	13023/13024 Howrah-Gaya Express
4	12329/12330 Godda-New Delhi Humsafar Express
5	13419/13420 Bhagalpur-Muzaffarpur Jansewa Express
6	13333/13334 Dumka-Patna Express
7	15733/15734 Balurghat-Bathinda Farakka Express
8	15743/15744 Balurghat-Bathinda Farakka Express
9	13415/13416 Malda Town-Patna Express

10	15097/15098 Bhagalpur-Jammu Tawi Amarnath Express
11	13031/13032 Howrah-Jaynagar Express
12	13401/13402 Bhagalpur-Danapur Express
13	22947/22948 Surat-Bhagalpur Express
14	15657/15658 Delhi-Kamakhya Brahmaputra Mail
15	12335/12336 Bhagalpur-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
16	15647/15648 Guwahati-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
17	22311/22312 Godda-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
18	13409/13410 Malda Town-Kiul Express
19	13241/13242 Barkakana-Rajendra Nagar (T) Express
20	14003/14004 Malda Town-New Delhi Express
21	13429/13430 Malda Town-Anand Vihar (T) Express
22	13423/13424 Bhagalpur-Ajmer Express
23	22405/22406 Bhagalpur-Anand Vihar (T) Express
24	12367/12368 Bhagalpur-Anand Vihar (T) Vikramshila Express
25	12253/12254 SMVT Bengaluru-Bhagalpur Anga Express
26	18603/18604 Ranchi-Godda Express
27	12349/12350 Godda-New Delhi Humsafar Express
28	18185/18186 Tatanagar-Godda Express
29	13235/13236 Sahibganj-Danapur Express
30	73421/73422 Jamalpur-Kiul DEMU
31	73427/73428 Jamalpur-Kiul DEMU
32	63423/63424 Jamalpur-Kiul MEMU
33	73425/73426 Jamalpur-Kiul DEMU
34	53479/53480 Jamalpur-Kiul Passenger
35	53403/53404 Rampurhat-Gaya Passenger
36	63387/63388 Jamalpur-Gaya Passenger

Train serving Jamalpur- Koderma/Hazaribagh

SN	Train No. & Name
1	08645/08646 Ranchi-Bhagalpur Special
2	08649/08650 Ranchi-Bhagalpur Special

Further, Munger is connected to Barauni by 02 pairs of trains which is further connected to Delhi by 10 pairs of trains.

Trains serving Munger-Barauni sector:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	15553/15554 Bhagalpur-Jaynagar Express
2	15089/15890 Godda-Gomtingar Express

Trains serving Barauni-Delhi sector:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	15743/44 Balurghat-Bathinda Farakka Express
2	15733/34 Balurghat-Bathinda Farakka Express
3	15657/58 Delhi-Kamakhya Express
4	12367/68 Bhagalpur-Anand Vihar (T) Express
5	14003/04 Malda Town-New Delhi Express
6	13429/30 Malda Town- Anand Vihar (T) Express
7	22405/06 Bhagalpur-Anand Vihar (T) Garib Rath Express
8	12349/50 Godda-New Delhi Express
9	20501/02 Agartala-Anand Vihar (T) Tejas Rajdhani Express
10	20507/08 Sairang-Anand Vihar (T) Rajdhani Express

Indian Railways is focussed on providing affordable, good quality services to all sections of society. Accordingly, Railways has developed the Vande Bharat trains (Chair Car/Sleeper) which are indigenously designed trains with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities and also Amrit Bharat trains which are fully non-AC modern trains aimed at providing affordable means of transportation to the low and middle income families.

As on 27.07.2026, 81 pairs of Vande Bharat Express (Chair Car) and 36 pairs of Amrit Bharat Express are being operated on the Indian Railways network. Of these, 14 pairs of Vande Bharat Express (Chair Car) and 25 pairs of Amrit Bharat services are catering to the needs of various stations located in the State of Bihar. These are listed below:

Vande Bharat Services:

SN	Train Name and Number
1	20887/20888 Ranchi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
2	20893/20894 Tatanagar - Patna Vande Bharat Express
3	21893/21894 Tatanagar - Patna Vande Bharat Express

4	21895/21896 Tatanagar - Patna Vande Bharat Express
5	22233/22234 New Jalpaiguri - Patna Vande Bharat Express
6	22301/22302 Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express
7	22303/22304 Howrah - Gaya Vande Bharat Express
8	22309/22310 Howrah - Jamalpur Vande Bharat Express
9	22345/22346 Patna - Gomtinagar Vande Bharat Express
10	22347/22348 Howrah - Patna Vande Bharat Express
11	22349/22350 Patna - Ranchi Vande Bharat Express
12	22499/22500 Deoghar - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
13	26301/26302 Jogbani - Danapur Vande Bharat Express
14	26501/26502 Patliputra - Gorakhpur Vande Bharat Express

Amrit Bharat services:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	11015/11016 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express
2	11031/11032 Panvel - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
3	11431/11432 Pune - Danapur Amrit Bharat Express
4	13065/13066 Howrah - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
5	13435/13436 Malda Town - Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
6	13697/13698 Gaya - Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
7	14047/14048 Sitamarhi - Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
8	14627/14628 Saharsa - Chheharta Amrit Bharat Express
9	14663/14664 New Jalpaiguri - Amritsar Amrit Bharat Express
10	15133/15134 Chhapra - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
11	15293/15294 Muzaffarpur - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
12	15557/15558 Darbhanga - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express

13	15561/15562 Darbhanga - Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
14	15567/15568 Bapudham Motihari - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
15	15671/15672 Kamakhya - Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express
16	15673/15674 Charlapalli - Kamakhya Amrit Bharat Express
17	15949/15950 Dibrugarh - Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
18	16597/16598 SMVT Bengaluru - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
19	16601/16602 Erode - Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express
20	19623/19624 Madar - Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express
21	19725/19726 Khatipura - Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express
22	20603/20604 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
23	20609/20610 New Jalpaiguri - Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express
24	22361/22362 Rajendra Nagar (T) - New Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
25	22587/22588 Sealdah - Banaras Amrit Bharat Express

Besides, introduction of new train services on any route/section, including Amrit Bharat Service is an on-going process, which depends on various factors including:

- Capacity of that section
- Availability of path
- Availability of required rolling stock
- Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock
- Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets
- Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section
