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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE RAILWAY NETWORK IN UTTAR PRADESH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand the railway network and introduce new train services in various regions of Uttar Pradesh to improve connectivity particularly in rapidly developing districts and tourist destinations;
- (b) if so, the details of the new railway lines, doubling, electrification and passenger train services proposed or under consideration in the State; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to introduce additional Vande Bharat Express services connecting major cities of Uttar Pradesh or include more stations in the existing route?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) : Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/District-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries.

Uttar Pradesh :

Railway Budget:

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹1,109 crore/year
2026-27	₹20,012 crore (More than 18 times)

Track construction:

The details of constructing new tracks falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh during is as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	996 Km	199 Km per year
2014-26	5,499 Km	458 Km per year (More than 2 times)

Projects sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 49 projects (09 New Line, 01 Gauge Conversion and 39 Doubling) of 3,691 Km length, costing ₹62,417 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length (km)	Length Commissioned (km)	Exp upto Mar'26 (Rs. in Cr.)
New Line	09	1,200	365	11,885
Gauge Conversion	01	11	0	27
Doubling/Multitracking	39	2,480	985	21,631
Total	49	3,691	1,351	33,543

Recently completed projects:

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh are as under:

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Meerut-Muzaffarnagar Doubling (55 Km)	430
2	Bahraich -Nepal Ganj Gauge Conversion (56 Km)	342
3	Ballia-Ghazipur city Doubling (65 Km)	650
4	Ghazipur city-Tarighat New Line (17 Km)	1,766
5	Gonda-Gorakhpur Loop Gauge Conversion (260 Km)	863
6	Gonda-Bahraich Gauge Conversion (60 Km)	318
7	Barabanki-Akbarpur Doubling (161 Km)	1,700
8	Kaptanganj- Chhapra Gauge Conversion (234 Km)	819
9	Pilibhit-Shahjahanpur Gauge Conversion (83 Km)	589
10	Indara-Dohrighat Gauge Conversion (34 Km)	213
11	Lucknow-Pilibhit Gauge Conversion (263 Km)	1,634
12	Bhadoi-Janghai Doubling (31 Km)	168
13	Lahota-Bhadoi Doubling (39 Km)	184
14	Etawah-Mainpuri New Line (58 Km)	313
15	Phaphamau-Prayagraj Doubling (14 Km)	212

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
16	Muzaffarnagar–Tapri Doubling (52 Km)	525
17	Utretia-Raibareilly Doubling (66 Km)	662
18	Raibareilly-Amethi Doubling (60 Km)	668
19	Alamnagar-Utretia Doubling (20 Km)	358
20	Bhimsen—Jhansi Doubling (206 Km)	2,620
21	Domingarh-Kusumhi - 3rd Line and Gorakhpur-Nakaha Jungle Doubling (21 Km)	508
22	Malhaur-Daliganj Doubling (13 Km)	183
23	Ruma Chakeri- Chandari 3 rd Line (13 Km)	177
24	Bareilly- Tanakpur Gauge Conversion (102 Km)	313
25	Rosa- Burhwal Doubling (181 Km)	2,094
26	Jaunpur- Akbarpur Doubling (77 Km)	676
27	Ramna- Singrauli Doubling (160 Km)	2,436
28	Janghai- Phaphamau Doubling (47 Km)	414
29	Varanasi- Prayagraj Doubling (120 Km)	2,018
30	Karaila Road- Shaktinagar Doubling (32 Km)	763
31	Deoband -Roorkee (27 Km)	1,289
32	Agra-Etawah New Line(110 Km)	427
33	Phephna-Indara, Mau-Shahganj Doubling (150 Km)	1,778
34	Janghai-Pratapgarh- Amethi Doubling (87 km)	1,429
35	Burhwal-Gonda 3rd Line (62 Km)	1,308

Ongoing projects:

Some of the projects falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh which have been taken up are as under:

SN.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Barabanki-Burhwal 3rd Line (27 Km)	426
2	Burhwal- Gonda Kacheri 4 th line (56 Km)	796

3	Bahraich- Khalilabad New Line (240 Km)	4,940
4	Katra-Ayodhya Dham Doubling (10 Km)	466
5	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya- Prayagraj 3rd Line (150 Km)	2,649
6	Billi-Chunar Doubling (102 Km)	1,424
7	Chhapra-Ballia Doubling (65 km)	1,046
8	Etah-Kasganj New Line (29 Km)	389
9	Gorakhpur- Valmikinagar Doubling (96 Km)	1,121
10	Varanasi-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya 3 rd and 4 th Line (15 Km)	2,464
11	Jhansi- Manikpur & Khairar-Bhimsen Doubling (431 Km)	4,330
12	Sahjanwa-Dohrihat New Line (81 Km)	1,320
13	Prayagraj (Iradatganj)-Manikpur 3rd Line (84 km)	1,508
14	Bhatni - Aurnihar Doubling (117 km)	2,529
15	Mathura-Jhansi 3rd line (274 km)	5,961
16	Agra Fort -Bandikui Doubling (150 km)	988
17	Barabanki-Malhaur - 3rd & 4th Line (33 km)	450
18	Phaphamau-Unchahar Doubling (72 km)	899
19	Aunrihar - Varanasi City 3rd Line (31 Km)	497
20	Ghaziabad-Sitapur 3rd & 4th line (403 Km)	14,926
21	Nagda-Mathura 3rd & 4th line (568 Km)	16,403
22	Burhwal-Sitapur City 3rd & 4th line (103 Km)	2,276

Ongoing Surveys/DPRs:

In last three years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and current financial year 2026-27, 78 surveys (13 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 63 Doubling) covering a total length of 3860 Km has been sanctioned falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- Anticipated traffic projections and remunerativeness of the proposed route
- First and last mile connectivity provided by the project
- Connection of missing links and providing additional route
- Augmentation of congested/saturated lines
- Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives

- Railway's own operational requirements
- Socio-economic considerations
- Overall availability of funds

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- Land acquisition by State Government
- Forest clearance
- Shifting of infringing utilities
- Statutory clearances from various authorities
- Geological and topographical conditions of area
- Law and order situation in the area of project site
- Number of working months in a year for particular project site etc.

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.

Electrification:

Electrification of railway network on Indian Railways has been taken up in mission mode. So far, about 99.6% of Broad Gauge (BG) network has been electrified. The electrification in remaining network has been taken up. Electrification carried out during 2014-26 and before 2014 is as under:

Period	Route Kilometer
Before 2014 (about 60 years)	21,801
2014-26	48,072

In Uttar Pradesh, entire existing BG network has been electrified. Further, all new line/multi-tracking projects are being sanctioned and constructed with electrification.

Train Services:

As the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced across such boundaries as per network requirement. However, Indian Railways (IR) constantly endeavour to improve connectivity for the travelling passengers. To this end, IR, during 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 (till 31.07.2026), have introduced the following 34 pairs of new trains which are catering to the needs of passengers of important stations located in the State of Uttar Pradesh:

SN	Train No. and name
1	15311/15312 Aishbag-Kasganj Express
2	17631/17632 Hazur Sahib-Tanakpur Express
3	14056/14055 Anand Vihar (T)-Mau Express
4	14225/14226 Varanasi-Lucknow Express

5	55061/55062 Nakaha Jungle-Daliganj Passenger
6	65121/65120 Dohrighat-Aunrihar MEMU
7	22111/22112 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Ayodhya Cantt Amrit Bharat Express
8	22589/22590 Banaras-Hadapsar Amrit Bharat Express
9	64703/64704 Govindpuri-Aligarh MEMU
10	20178/20177 Agra Cantt.-Asarva Express
11	11633/11634 Bhopal-Chopan Express
12	54355/54356 Bandikui-Bareilly Passenger
13	15949/15950 Dibrugarh-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
14	22587/22588 Banaras-Sealdah Amrit Bharat Express
15	26503/26504 Saharanpur-Lucknow Vande Bharat Express
16	64033/64034 Delhi-Shamli MEMU
17	64035/64036 Delhi-Shamli MEMU
18	26506/26505 Banaras-Khajurao Vande Bharat Express
19	63333/63334 Patliputra-Ballia MEMU
20	19201/19202 Bhavnagar-Ayodhya Cantt. Express
21	15561/15562 Darbhanga-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
22	13435/13436 Malda Town-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
23	55363/55364 Pilibhit-Shahjahanpur Passenger
24	26501/26502 Gorakhpur-Patliputra Vande Bharat Express
25	55073/55074 Barhni-Gorakhpur Passenger
26	55075/55076 Barhni-Gorakhpur Passenger
27	18629/18630 Ranchi-Gorakhpur Express
28	20175/20176 Banaras-Agra Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
29	22499/22500 Varanasi-Deoghar Vande Bharat Express
30	20981/20982 Udaipur City-Agra Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
31	55361/55362 Pilibhit-Mailani Passenger
32	55359/55360 Pilibhit-Mailani Passenger
33	55357/55358 Pilibhit-Mailani Passenger
34	22489/22490 Lucknow-Meerut City Express

Presently, 81 Pairs of Vande Bharat Express [Chair Car], 01 pairs of Vande Bharat Express [Sleeper] & 36 pairs of Amrit Bharat Express are being operated over the Indian Railways network, of which 16 pairs of Vande Bharat Express [Chair Car] and 23 pairs of Amrit Bharat Express are catering to the needs of passengers of stations located in the State of Uttar Pradesh. These are listed below:

List of Vande Bharat trains serving Uttar Pradesh:

SN	Train no. and Name
1	20171/20172 Rani Kamlapati-Hazrat Nizamuddin Vande Bharat Express
2	20175/20176 Banaras-Agra Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
3	20887/20888 Ranchi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
4	22345/22346 Patna-Gomti Nagar Vande Bharat Express
5	22415/22416 Varanasi-New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
6	22425/22426 Ayodhya Cantt.-Anand Vihar (T) Vande Bharat Express
7	22435/22436 Varanasi-New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
8	22457/22458 Anand Vihar (T)-Dehrarun Vande Bharat Express
9	22469/22470 Khajuraho-Hazrat Nizamuddin Vande Bharat Express
10	22489/22490 Varanasi-Meerut City Vande Bharat Express
11	22499/22500 Deoghar-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
12	22545/22546 Lucknow Jn.-Dehradun Vande Bharat Express
13	22549/22550 Gorakhpur-Prayagraj Vande Bharat Express
14	26501/26502 Patliputra-Gorakhpur Vande Bharat Express
15	26503/26504 Saharanpur-Gomti Nagar Vande Bharat Express
16	26505/26506 Khajuraho-Banaras Vande Bharat Express

List of Amrit Bharat trains serving Uttar Pradesh:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	15557/15558 Darbhanga-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
2	11015/11016 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Saharsa Jn Amrit Bharat Express
3	15561/15562 Darbhanga-Gomati Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
4	15567/15568 Bapudham Motihari-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
5	22361/22362 Rajendra Nagar (T)-New Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
6	13435/13436 Malda Town-Gomati Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
7	14047/14048 Sitamarhi-Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
8	13697/13698 Gaya-Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
9	14627/14628 Saharsa-Chheharta Amrit Bharat Express
10	16601/16602 Erode-Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express
11	15293/15294 Muzaffarpur-Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
12	15133/15134 Chhapra-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
13	19623/19624 Madar-Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express

14	11031/11032 Panvel-Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
15	15671/15672 Kamakhya-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express
16	15949/15950 Dibrugarh-Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
17	22587/22588 Sealdah-Banaras Amrit Bharat Express
18	13065/13066 Howrah- Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
19	11431/11432 Pune - Danapur Amrit Bharat Express
20	14663/14664 New Jalpaiguri - Amritsar Amrit Bharat Express
21	19725/19726 Khatipura (Jaipur) - Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express
22	22111/22112 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Ayodhya Cantt. Amrit Bharat Express
23	22589/22590 Banaras - Hadapsar Amrit Bharat Express

Besides, introduction of new train services, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include-

- 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
