

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5416  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

**PREMIUM FLAGSHIP TRAIN VIA THAWE ROUTE**

**5416. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Thawe station should be developed and passenger amenities should be made world class to cater to the need of pilgrims visiting the Maa durga temple and if so, the details in this regard;**

**(b) whether the Indian Railways has connected all State capitals, has covered almost all important parts of the country and all important passenger dominated rail sections/routes through Rajdhani Express except Thawe junction, if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether it is a fact that one of the oldest and highest passenger catering route has been devoid of this premium facility i.e. Delhi, Lucknow, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj, Padrauna, Thawe, Chhapra section of Indian Railways and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether there is any proposal to introduce a premium flagship train via Thawe route to Patna and Guwahati; and**

**(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?**

**ANSWER**

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

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5416 BY DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING PREMIUM FLAGSHIP TRAIN VIA THAWE ROUTE.**

**(a): The Amrit Bharat Station scheme has recently been launched for development of Stations on Indian Railways. Thawe Railway Station is one of the Stations identified under this scheme.**

**This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station.**

**The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.**

**(b) to (e): Rajdhani Express services are primarily meant to connect the National Capital and State Capitals. At present, 25 pairs of Rajdhani express are operational over Indian Railways. These services also cater to the needs of enroute stations. Further, introduction of train service(s) is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.**

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