

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1808  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

**NEW HIGH SPEED TRAINS**

**†1808.SHRIGOPAL JEE THAKUR :**

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

- (a) whether redevelopment of Darbhanga, Sakri and Laheria Saria railway stations under Samastipur Railway Division is proposed under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the dates for commencement and completion of the said construction work has been fixed by the Ministry along with name of the agency which is going to carry out the said work;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether there is any proposal to run new High Speed Trains like Vande Bharat, Shatabdi or Duronto Express from Darbhanga, the Centre of Mithila to various metro cities of the Country keeping in mind the increasing number of passengers and the inconvenience caused to them; and**
- (f) if so, the time by when it is likely to be introduced?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1808 BY SHRIGOPAL JEE THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING NEW HIGH SPEED TRAINS.**

**(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station scheme' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. Under this scheme, 1309 stations have been identified for redevelopment wherein Darbhanga, Sakri and Laheria Saria Railway stations falling in the state of Bihar have been identified for redevelopment.**

**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.**

**Further, development/redevelopment/upgradation 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 fiber cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed 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. The execution of these works have been entrusted to East Central Railway.**

**(e) & (f) : At present, Darbhanga is being served by 98 train services which are catering to needs of the passengers. Besides, introduction of train services, including Vande Bharat services, Duronto services, is an on-going process in Indian Railways.**

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