

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.765
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN BIHAR

†765. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of funds spent for railway development projects in Bihar till date since 2019;**
- (b) the details of the development works undertaken by railways in flood affected border areas of Bihar especially in Supaul Parliamentary Constituency since 2019 and the total amount spent thereon;**
- (c) the total amount of the budget allocated for Supaul railway station in Bihar during the year 2023;**
- (d) the details of the schemes formulated for the modernization and beautification of Supaul station; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to modernise and beautify all the railway stations of Supaul Parliamentary Constituency and if so, the details thereof?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 765 BY SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN BIHAR

(a) and (b): Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise and not Division wise/District wise/State wise as Railway projects may span across Division/District/State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2023, 54 projects (32 New Lines, 04 Gauge Conversions and 18 Doubling), of total length of 4,950 Km, costing ₹70,672 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar including those falling fully/partly in Supaul Constituency are in planning / approval / construction stage, out of which, 1505 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹25,702 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are covered under East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), North Eastern Railway (NER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:

Year	Budget Outlay	Increase w.r.t. allocation of 2013-14
2013-14	₹1,245 Cr.	-
2023-24	₹8,505 Cr.	More than 6 times

Year-wise details of Budget Allocation made for Railway Infrastructure projects & safety works falling fully/partly in Bihar are as under:

Period	Budget Outlay
2019-20	₹ 4093Cr.
2020-21	₹ 4489 Cr.
2021-22	₹ 5150 Cr.
2022-23	₹ 6606 Cr.

Railways make all out efforts for optimum use of allocated fund. An Allocation of ₹ 8505 Cr. has been made for Financial Year 2023-24 for Railway Infrastructure projects & safety works falling fully/partly in Bihar.

Average annual commissioning for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:-

Year	Commissioning	Increase w.r.t. average annual commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	63.6 Km/year	-
2014-23	145.33 Km/year	More than 2 times

(c) to (e) : Ministry of Railways has recently launched Amrit Bharat Station 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 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 ballastless tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far 1318 Railway Stations, including Supaul Railway Station, of Supaul Parliamentary constituency have been identified for development under this scheme over Indian Railways.

The details of allocation for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not state-wise or station-wise or scheme-wise. Development of stations and provision of Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 'Customer Amenities'. Supaul Railway Station falls under the jurisdiction of East Central Railway. During the year 2023-24, a total ₹ 594.15 crore has been allocated for East Central Railway.
