

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5623
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022**

NEW RAIL SERVICES

† **5623. SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start new rail services for Shravasti and Balrampur, a Buddhist pilgrimage site in Uttar Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5623 BY SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2022 REGARDING NEW RAIL SERVICES

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Balrampur is already on Railway network. However, for connecting Shravasti to Railway network, Indian Railways has taken up Bahraich-Khalilabad via Shravasti, Balrampur (Tulsipur) (240 kms) new line project at a cost of ₹4,940 crore, sanctioned in 2018-19. An outlay of ₹20 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2021-22.

Land acquisition proposals for 263 hectare land involving 82 villages covering 54.50 km length of the project have been submitted to district authorities of Siddharthnagar and Sant Kabir Nagar districts.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget outlay for infrastructure projects and safety works and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average annual Budget outlay for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Uttar Pradesh, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹5,278 crore per year from ₹1,109 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 376% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2019-20, budget outlay of ₹8,403 crore (658% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14) and for financial year 2020-21, budget outlay of ₹8,576 crore (673% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14) has been provided for these works. For financial year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹14,128 crore (1,174% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14) has been provided for these works.

During 2014-21, 2032 Km (204 km of New line, 631 km of Gauge conversion and 1197 km of Doubling projects) falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate 290.29 km per year, which is 46% more than average commissioning during 2009-14 (199.2 Km/Yr.).
