

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2958
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

**2958. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds spend for the development of railway projects in West Bengal since 2014, Division-wise;**
- (b) the details of the major activities that were undertaken in the railway stations of Uluberia , Bagnan, Bauria, Santragachi and Howrah railway stations under the Kharagpur Division for passenger amenities;**
- (c) the details of the new train services introduced/proposed to be introduced in the country particularly in the State of West Bengal during the last three years;**
- (d) whether Malda Town railway station has been proposed for stoppage of Rajdhani Express;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) whether any new train services have started from Malda Town during the last three years and if so, the details thereof?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2958 BY SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED AND SHRI KHAGEN MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

(a) : Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise and not State wise as Railway projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 50 Railway projects (16 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 30 doublings), costing ₹ 51,645 crore, covering total length of 4,365 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 2,065 Km length have been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹20,974 crore has been incurred upto March'22.

Railway Infrastructure Projects in the state of West Bengal is covered by Eastern Railway (ER), South Eastern Railway (SER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. The project-wise details including cost, expenditure and outlay are available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in > Ministry of Railways > Railway Board > About Indian Railways > Railway Board Directorates > Finance (Budget)>Pink Book (year)>Railways-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of West Bengal, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹ 4,612 crore per year from ₹ 4,380 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 5% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹ 5,033 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (15% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹ 5,246 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (20% more than the

Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹ 6,988 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (60% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever Budget outlay of ₹ 10,262 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 134% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹ 4,380 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 998 km sections (88 km new line, 151 km Gauge conversion and 759 km doubling) falling fully/partly in the state of West Bengal have been commissioned at an average rate 124.75 km per year.

(b) : Work related to provision of stainless steel benches and water booths and improvement to station façade has been undertaken at Uluberi Railway station. The work of renovation of passenger toilets and provision of foot over bridge have been undertaken at Bagnan railway station. At Bauria railway station, renovation of toilet for Divyangjan and station façade improvement have been undertaken.

The following major works have been undertaken at Santragachi railway station: -

- (i) Provision of 12 meter wide new Foot Over Bridge**
- (ii) Provision of new toilets, platform shelter**
- (iii) Improvement to platform surfaces**
- (iv) Provision of Taxi Booth, Lifts**
- (v) Provision of seating arrangement for passengers**
- (vi) Improvement to station façade and circulating area**
- (vii) Provision of new station building**

The following major works have been undertaken at Howrah Station: -

- (i) Raising and repairs to Platform No.2-3 & Platform No.4-5.**

- (ii) Improvement of Pay and Use Toilets of Howrah Station (Old Complex)**
- (iii) Improvement to Waiting Hall of Howrah Station (Old & New Complex)**
- (iv) Renovation of Visitor/Atithi Lounge**
- (v) Repairs to damaged PF surfaces at Howrah Station (Old & New Complex) for Platform No.1-2**
- (vi) Expansion & Renovation of 2nd class waiting hall**
- (vii) Renovation of Gents toilet of upper-class waiting hall, renovation of existing Gents & Ladies toilets of 2nd class waiting hall**

(c) : Indian Railways do not run train services, on State-wise basis as railway network straddles across State Boundaries. However, number of train services introduced during the period 1st April, 2019 to 31st April, 2022 is indicated as under:

Year	Trains introduced
2019-20	109
2020-21	50
2021-22	60

Besides, introduction of trains on Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, resource availability and commercial justification, competing demand, etc.

(d) to (f) : At present, stoppage of 20501/20502 Agartala-Anand Vihar Terminal Rajdhani Express is not available at Malda Town. However, provision of stoppage and diversion of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility and commercial justification.
