

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2590
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

NON-AVAILABILITY OF TRAINS AT HATHUA RAILWAY STATION

2590 DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the track from Hathua Railway Station to Panchdevri have been completed and thereafter work upto Bhatni Junction is still pending thereby causing non-availability of trains at Hathua Railway Station;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the non-completion of underpass of mill road at Hathua Railway Station is also reason for non-availability of train at Hathua Railway Station, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details regarding stipulated time for completion of pending all railway tracks in District Gopalganj of Bihar?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2590 BY DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING NON-AVAILABILITY OF TRAINS AT HATHUA RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (d): Railway has taken up Hathua-Bhatni (80 km) new line project. Hathua-Panchdeori (31 km) section has been commissioned. Hathua station is presently being served by 07 pairs of passenger services, including 05241/42 Hajipur-Panchdeori Passenger serving the Hathua-Panchdeori section. Besides, introduction of trains services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, competing demands etc.

No underpass work is sanctioned/under construction on Mill Road which is affecting train operation at Hathua railway station.

The Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/District-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/District boundaries. As on 01.04.2024, total 55 Railway Infrastructure Projects (31 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 22 Doubling), of total length of 5,064 km, costing ₹79,356 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar including Gopalganj district are in planning/approval/construction stages, out of which 1,194 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹26,983 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. These include:

- (i) 31 New Line (NL) projects of total length of 2,712 km costing ₹43,536 crore, out of which 464 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹13,629 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**
- (ii) 2 Gauge Conversion (GC) projects of total length of 348 km costing ₹2,690 crore, out of which 288 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,520 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

(iii) 22 Doubling (DL) projects of total length of 2004 km costing ₹33,130 crore, out of which 442 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹11,834 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

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

Period	Budget Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹1,132 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹8,505 crore	More than 7 times
2024-25	₹10,033 crore	More than 8 times

Moreover, Commissioning of sections (NL, GC and DL) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:

Period	Total Commissioning	Average Commissioning	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	318 km	64 km/year	-
2014-24	1,669 km	167 km/year	More than 2 times

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s.
