

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2680
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATION IN SAMASTIPUR DIVISION

†2680 SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Darbhanga Railway station is being developing as a world class railway station as well as the highest revenue generating railway station in Samastipur division;

(b) whether there is shortage of superfast trains covering long distances from this station due to which people of this region face lot of difficulties;

(c) whether the Government proposes to run Amrit Bharat train from Darbhanga to Mumbai and from Darbhanga to Amritsar on daily basis;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether operating of these trains will be beneficial for the common people?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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. 2680 BY SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATION IN SAMASTIPUR DIVISION.

(a) to (e): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station scheme' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. 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, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term. Creation of city centres implies increase in revenues.

So far, 1324 number of railway stations have been identified across India for development under this scheme, out of which 92 railway stations falling in the state of Bihar including Darbhanga railway station have also been identified under this scheme.

Redevelopment work of Darbhanga Railway Station has been sanctioned, tenders have been awarded and work has started. Utility shifting work for construction of light road over bridge has been completed. Site preparations and design works have been taken up. Further, construction of new platform on second entry side has been taken up.

Further, upgradation/modernisation 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, encroachments, 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.

From Darbhanga, the first Amrit Bharat service viz. 15557/58 Darbhanga – Anand Vihar (T) Express, commenced its operation w.e.f. 01.01.2024. Further, Darbhanga is presently being served by 52 pairs of train services which include 04 pairs of trains connecting it to Delhi, 08 pairs of train services each connecting it to Kolkata & Patna, 03 pairs of train services connecting it to Amritsar, 02 pairs of train services each connecting it to Mumbai, Secunderabad & Ahmedabad. Besides, introduction of train services including Amrit Bharat trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.