

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 306
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

RUNNING OF NEW TRAINS FROM SUPAUL

306. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to run new trains from Supaul to Delhi and Supaul to Patna in public interest to address heavy rush of passengers at Supaul Railway station in Bihar;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any positive and concrete steps in view of the problems being faced by the people of Supaul Parliamentary Constituency;**
- (d) the present status of various ongoing rail projects in Bihar; and**
- (e) whether the Government has granted approval to any scheme for the renovation of other railway stations of the district including Supaul?**

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. 306 BY SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING RUNNING OF NEW TRAINS FROM SUPAUL.

(a) to (c) Supaul is presently being served by 01 pair of Mail/Express service and 06 pairs of Passenger services including 05279/05280 Saharsa-Supaul DEMU introduced w.e.f. 16.07.2024. Introduction of long distance train from Supaul is not feasible, at present, due to operational constraints. Passengers of Supaul may avail change over at Saharsa for availing long distance train inter-alia bound for Delhi, Mumbai and Patna. Besides, introduction of new train is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc.

(d) 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 01.04.2024, 55 projects (31 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 22 Doubling), of total length of 5,064 Km, costing ₹79,356 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, 1194 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹26,983 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

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.

(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.

So far 1324 stations have been identified under this scheme, out of which 92 stations including Supaul Railway Station of Supaul District in the state of Bihar are identified for development under this scheme.

Further, Upgradation/Modernization of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se priority, subject to availability of funds and priority is accorded to higher category of stations over lower category of stations while sanctioning and executing the works.
