

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 134
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

**RENOVATION/REINFORCEMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN
ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS**

†*134 SHRI RAM SHIROMANI VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to renovate/reinforce all the railway stations in the aspirational districts in the near future;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to lay new railway tracks/doubling of the existing railway tracks and construction of new railway stations in all the aspirational districts of the country including Shravasti district; and;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 134 BY SHRI RAM SHIROMANI VERMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING RENOVATION/REINFORCEMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

(a) to (d) Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway 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, platform surfacing and cover over platform, 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 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 ballastless tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 stations have been identified under this scheme on Indian Railways which include 157 stations falling in Aspirational Districts. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat

Station Scheme which are located in the Aspirational Districts are as following:

No. of Stations in Aspirational Districts	Name of the Stations in Aspirational Districts
157	<p>Abu Road, Anugraha Narayan Road, Araku, Arariaya Court, Bahraich, Balangir, Balrampur, Balsiring, Banka, Banmankhi, Bano, Baragamda Jn, Baran, Barauni, Bargawan, Barhni, Barkakana, Barsoi Jn, Basukinath, Begusarai, Bhadrachalam Road, Bhanupratappur, Bhawanipatna, Biyavra Rajgarh, Bokaro Steel City, Chaibasa, Chakradharpur, Chandauli Majhwar, Chandrapura, Chhabra Gugor, Chitrakut Dham Karwi, Chopan, Cuddapah, Dahod, Daltonganj, Damanjodi, Damoh, Dangoposi, Dhenkanal, Dholi, Dholpur, Dhubri, Dumka, Fatehpur, Firozpur Cantt, Gangaghat, Ganjbasoda, Garhwa Road, Garhwa Town, Gauripur, Gaya, Ghatsila, Giridih, Godda, Govindpur Road, Guna, Gunupur, Guraru, Haidar Nagar, Haridwar Jn, Harishanker Road, Harpalpur, Hatia, Hazaribagh Road, Hindaun City, Jagdalpur, Jaisalmer, Jamui, Janakpur Road, Japla, Jeypore, Kantabanji, Karhagola Road, Kashipur Jn, Katihar Jn, Kesinga, Khagaria Jn, Khajuraho Jn, Khandwa, Khariar Road, Kichha, Koraput Jn, Korba, Labha, Lakhminia,</p>

<p>Latehar, Limkheda, Lohardaga, Mahasamund, Maheshkhunt, Majbat, Manikpur Jn, Manoharpur, Mansi Jn, MCS Chhatarpur, Meramandali, Moga, Motipur, Muhammad Ganj, Muniguda, Muri Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Nabinagar Road, Nagar Untari, Namkom, Nandurbar, Nawadah, Orga, Osmanabad, Paharpur, Pakur, Paramakkudi, Parasnath, Parlakhemundi, Parvatipuram, Pathshala, Pindwara, Piska, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn, Rafiganj, Raichur Jn, Rajapalayam, Rajmahal, Ram Dayalu Nagar, Ramanathapuram, Ramdevra, Rameswaram, Ramgarh Cantt, Ranchi Jn, Rayagada, Renukoot, Roorkee, Ruthiyai, Sahibganj, Sahibpur Kamal, Salauna, Salmari, Shri Mahaveerji, Siddharth Nagar, Silli, Simultala, Singrauli, Sitamarhi, Sonbhadra, Srivilliputtur, Tangla, Tatanagar, Tatisilwai, Titlagarh Jn, Tulsipur, Udalguri, Vidisha, Virudhunagar, Vyasnagar, Wadsa, Washim, Yadgir</p>

Further, upgradation/development/redevelopment of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation/development/redevelopment of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across

state boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approximately Rs 7.44 Lakh Crores are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 12,045 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approximately Rs 2.92 Lakh Crores has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length (km)	Length Commissioned till March-2024 (Km)	Total Exp upto March-2024 (in Rs Cr.)
New lines	187	20,199	2,855	1,60,022
Gauge conversion	40	4,719	2,972	18,706
Doubling / Multitracking	261	19,570	6,218	1,13,742
TOTAL	488	44,488	12,045	2,92,470

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

The details of commissioning / laying of new track across Indian Railways is given below:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	7,599 km	4.2 km/day
2014-24	31,180 km	8.54 km/day (more than 2 times)

In addition, 894 No. Surveys (287 New line, 14 Gauge Conversion and 593 Doubling) of total length 60,673 km have been sanctioned across Indian Railways including Aspirational Districts in the last three years FY 2021-22 to 2023-24 and current year FY 2024-25.

Uttar Pradesh

Railway Infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh are covered under Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Eastern Railway, East Central Railway and West Central Railway zones of Indian Railways.

As on 01.04.2024, in Uttar Pradesh including Shravasti District, 68 Railway projects (16 New Line, 03 Gauge Conversion and 49 Doubling), of total length of 5,874 km costing Rs 92,001 Crores falling fully/partly in the State, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 1,313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs 28,366 Crores has been incurred upto March, 2024. The status of work is summarized as:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned (Km)	Expenditure upto March, 2024 (Rs. In crore)
New Line	16	1740	297	8672
Gauge Conversion	3	261	0	26

Doubling/Multi-tracking	49	3873	1016	19668
TOTAL	68	5874	1313	28366

In the New Line Project Bahraich - Khalilabad via Bhinga, Shravasti, Balrampur, Utraula, Mehdawal, Bansi (240 km) work has been taken up.

Since, 2014 there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh is as under:

Period	Budget Outlay	Increase w.r.t. allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	Rs 1,109 Crores/year	-
2024-25	Rs 19,848 Crores/year	More than 17 times

Commissioning of sections (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh during 2009-14 and 2014-2024 is as under:

Year	Commissioning	Increase w.r.t. average annual commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	199 km/year	-
2014-24	490 km/year	More than 2 times

During 2023-24, 1,752 Km (1328 km New line, 25 km Gauge conversion and 399 km Doubling) sections, falling fully/partly in the state of Uttar Pradesh have been commissioned.
