

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1575
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

**TRANSFORMATION OF DARBHANGA RAILWAY STATION INTO WORLD
CLASS RAILWAY STATION**

†1575. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to transform the Darbhanga railway station into a world-class railway station;**
- (b) the time-line set for the completion of the said work to fulfil the above target; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1575 BY SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING TRANSFORMATION OF DARBHANGA RAILWAY STATION INTO WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (c): 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.

So far, 1337 stations including Darbhanga Railway Station falling in the State of Bihar have been identified for redevelopment under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

The list of stations identified for development under this scheme in the State of Bihar is given below:-

S. No.	State	No of Stations	Name of Stations
1	Bihar	98	Anugraha Narayan Road, Ara, Bakhtiyarpur, Banka, Banmankhi, BapudhamMotihari, Barahiya, Barauni, Barh, BarsoiJn, Begusarai, Bettiah, Bhabua Road, Bhagalpur, Bhagwanpur, Bihar Sharif, Bihiya, Bikramganj, Buxar, Chausa, Chhapra, Dalsingh Sarai, Darbhanga, DauramMadhepura, Dehri On Sone, Dholi, Dighwara, Dumraon, Durgauti, Fatuha, Gaya, Ghorasahan, Guraru, HajipurJn, Jamalpur, Jamui, Janakpur Road, Jaynagar, Jehanabad, Jhanjharpur, Kahalgaon, Karhagola Road, Katihar, KhagariaJn, Kishanganj, Kudra, Labha, Laheria Sarai, Luckeesarai, Lakhminia, Madhubani, Maheshkhunt, Mairwa, Mansi Jn, Mokama, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Nabinagar Road, Narkatiaganj, Naugachia, Paharpur, Patliputra, Patna, Piro, Pirpainti, Rafiganj, Raghunathpur, Rajendra Nagar, Rajgir, Ram Dayalu Nagar, Raxaul, Sabaur, Sagauli, Saharsa, Sahibpur Kamal, Sakri, Salauna, Salmari, Samastipur, Sasaram, ShahpurPatoree, Shivanarayanpur, SimriBakhtiyarpur, Simultala, Sitamarhi, Siwan, Sonpur Jn., Sultanganj, Supaul, Taregna, Thakurganj, Thawe, Arariya Court, Chakia, Nawadah, Motipur, Ekma, Mashrakh

Agency has been hired for the redevelopment work of Darbhanga railway station. Temporary PRS and UTS building have been constructed at this station and works such as Utility shifting and New home PF on second entry side have started.

The allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/UT-wise or Station-wise, generally under Plan Head - 53 'Customer Amenities'. As Darbhanga Railway Station falls under the jurisdiction of East Central Railway (ECR), the allocation under Plan-Head-53 for East Central Railway in Budget 2024-25 is ₹764.36 Crores.

Development/redevelopment/upgradation 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 fibre 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.
