

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2622
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024**

PENDING PROJECTS/PROPOSALS FOR THAWE JUNCTION, BIHAR

2622. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the basic amenities of all the Railway stations lying outside the metropolitan cities of the States are not maintained particularly at Thawe junction in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the projects/proposals of Railway given for Thawe junction are still pending and if so, the details thereof and to stipulated time for completion of all projects/proposals given for the said junction;

(d) whether the proposals for running of trains from the said junction are pending despite commercial feasibility of passengers and if so, the details thereof and the pending proposals/projects for the said junction;

(e) whether the proposal regarding double line track connecting to Thawe junction is pending in the Government since long and no action taken to provide doubling of line of said junction, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details about the proposal relating to doubling of line at said junction pending in the Government?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (f) 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 station have been identified under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 98 stations, including Thawe station, are located in the state of Bihar. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Bihar are as following:

| State | No. of Stations | Name of Stations |
|--------------|------------------------|---|
| Bihar | 98 | Anugraha Narayan Road, Ara, Arariya Court, Bakhtiyarpur, Banka, Banmankhi, Bapudham Motihari, Barahiya, Barauni, Barh, Barsoi Jn, Begusarai, Bettiah, Bhabua Road, Bhagalpur, Bhagwanpur, Bihar Sharif, Bihiya, Bikramganj, Buxar, Chakia, Chausa, Chhapra, Dalsingh Sarai, Darbhanga, Dauram Madhepura, Dehri On Sone, Dholi, Dighwara, Dumraon, Durgauti, Ekma, Fatuha, Gaya, Ghorasahan, Guraru, Hajipur Jn, Jamalpur, Jamui, Janakpur Road, Jaynagar, Jehanabad, Jhanjharpur, Kahalgaon, Karhagola |

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| | | Road, Katihar, Khagaria Jn, Kishanganj, Kudra, Labha, Laheria Sarai, Luckeesarai, Lakhminia, Madhubani, Maheshkhunt, Mairwa, Mansi Jn, Mashrakh, Mokama, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Motipur, Nabinagar Road, Narkatiaganj, Naugachia, Nawadah, Paharpur, Patliputra, Patna, Piro, Pirpainti, Rafiganj, Raghunathpur, Rajendra Nagar, Rajgir, Ram Dayalu Nagar, Raxaul, Sabaur, Sagauli, Saharsa, Sahibpur Kamal, Sakri, Salauna, Salmari, Samastipur, Sasaram, Shahpur Patoree, Shivanarayanpur, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Simultala, Sitamarhi, Siwan, Sonpur Jn, Sultanganj, Supaul, Taregna, Thakurganj, Thawe |
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When a station is constructed, certain minimum amenities should be provided at each category of station (on the basis of projected traffic/earnings). These are called Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA). The required Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided at Thawe station. Further, provision / upgradation of passenger amenities at railway stations is a continuous and ongoing 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.

For development works at Thawe station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, tenders have been awarded and works of extension of platforms, improvement of platform surfacing, platform shelters, toilets, circulating area, parking facilities, approach road improvement, etc. have been taken up.

The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities' and not work-wise or Station-wise or State/UT-wise. The state of Bihar is covered by four zones viz. Eastern Railway, East Central Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway. The allocation for the financial year 2024-25 for these zones is Rs 2,166 Crores.

Further, 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 brownfield related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.), infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of tracks and high voltage power lines,

etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

Presently, Thawe Junction is being catered by 30 train services which include 06 Mail/Express services. In addition to these regular services, 03215/16 Thawe- Patna Special is also catering to the said station. Besides, introduction of new train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources, etc.

Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the railway 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.

Thawe Junction is already well connected with railway network. However, to further improve the connectivity, a Bypass line of length 1.1 Km at Thawe Junction connecting Gopalganj and Sasamusa railway stations has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs 9.89 Crores.
