# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 379 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

#### **NEW RAILWAY NETWORK IN BIHAR**

#### **†\*379 SHRI ABHAY KUMAR SINHA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch new schemes to expand the railway network of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the length in kilometers of railway track doubled, electrified and new rail lines laid in Bihar during the last five years along with the project-wise details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to develop major railway stations of Bihar including Aurangabad under the "Amrit Bharat Station Scheme"; and
- (e) if so, the present status thereof?

### ANSWER

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

### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 379 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

(a) to (e): Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/District 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, Parliament, Central Ministries, Members of other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socioeconomic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

As on 01.04.2024, 55 projects (31 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 22 Doubling), of total length of 5,064 Km, costing Rs. 79,356 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1194 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs. 26,983 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commission ed till March, 2024 (in Km)	Total Exp. upto March, 2024 (Rs. in Cr.)
New Lines	31	2712	464	13629
Gauge Conversion	2	348	288	1520
Doubling/Multi- tracking	22	2005	442	11834
Total	55	5064	1194	26983

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The details of outlay for infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs. 1132 Cr./year
2025-26	Rs. 10,066 Cr. (Nearly 9 times)

The details of commissioning/ laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	318 Km	63.6 Km
2014-24	1669 Km	166.9 Km (More than 2.5 times)

Some of the important projects recently commissioned in Bihar are as under:-

S.No.	Name of Project	Length (in km)	
1	Kosi Bridge	22	
2	Patna Bridge	28	
3	Munger Bridge	15	
4	Daniawan-Biharsharif NL	38	
5	Jamalpur – Munger NL	8	
6	Chandan – Banka NL	40	
7	Mandarhill- Dumka – Rampurhat NL	130	
8	Maharajganj-Masrakh NL	35	
9	Rajgir-Hisua-Tilaiya NL	46	
10	Natesar-Islampur NL	21	
11	ChhapraGramin to Khairali NL	11	
12	Rampurhat-Mandarhill via Dumka NL	130	
13	Mansi -Saharsa - Purnia GC	141	
14	Kaptanganj-Thawe-Chhapra GC	234	
15	Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj GC	260	
16	Banmakhi- Bihariganj GC	28	

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S.No.	Name of Project	Length (in Km)	
17	Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj GC	260	
18	Narkatiaganj-Bhikhna Tori GC	35	
19	Sakri-Laukaha Bazar-Nirmali & 206 Saharsa-Forbesganj GC		
20	Sahibganj-Pirpainti Doubling 23		
21	Maheshkunt-Thanabihpur Doubling	32	
22	Hajipur-Ramdayalu Nagar Doubling	48	
23	Pirpainti-Bhagalpur Doubling	51	
24	Bakhtiyarpur-Barh Doubling	19	
25	Hajipur-Bachwara Doubling	72	

Further, Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 km) has also been commissioned. An important section of this freight corridor passes through Bihar.

During last three years (i.e. 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-24 and current Financial Year i.e. 2024-25), total 77 Nos. of Surveys (13 New Line, 64 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar having a total length of 4200 Km have been sanctioned.

To provide rail connectivity to Aurangabad, Anugrah Narayan Road to Aurangabad(13 Kms) New Line section, part of Bihta-Aurangabad New Line has been sanctioned at cost of Rs. 440.59 crore recently. The project involves construction of new railway station at Aurangabad for the first time.

Broad Gauge (BG) network situated in the State of Bihar has been 100% electrified. BG lines of 1,573 Rkm have been electrified during last five years and current years.

#### **<u>Re-development of stations:</u>**

Amrit Bharat Station 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 for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 98 stations including Anugraha Narayan Road station, are located in the state of Bihar. At Anugraha Narayan Road station, tenders for development works have been awarded and works have been taken up. Two lifts have been installed and commissioned. Work of foundation of new foot over bridge has been completed and works of improvement of circulating area, parking area, upper class waiting hall, etc. have been taken up.

The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Bihar are as following:

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State	No. of	Nomes of Amrit Stations
State	Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Bihar	98	Anugraha Narayan Road, Ara, Arariya Court, Bakhtiyarpur, Banka, Banmankhi, BapudhamMotihari, Barahiya, Barauni, Barh, Barsoi Jn, Begusarai, Bettiah, Bhabua Road, Bhagalpur, Bhagwanpur, Bihar Sharif, Bihiya, Bikramganj, Buxar, Chakia, Chausa, Chhapra, Dalsingh Sarai, Darbhanga, DauramMadhepura, Dehri On Sone, Dholi, Dighwara, Dumraon, Durgauti, Ekma, Fatuha, Gaya, Ghorasahan, Guraru, Hajipur Jn, Jamalpur, Jamui, Janakpur Road, Jaynagar, Jehanabad, Jhanjharpur, Kahalgaon, Karhagola Road, Katihar, Khagaria Jn, Kishanganj, Kudra, Labha, Laheria Sarai, Luckeesarai, Lakhminia, Madhubani, Maheshkhunt, Mairwa, Mansi Jn, Mashrakh, Mokama, Motipur, Munger, Muzaffarpur, 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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Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Bihar have been taken up at a good pace. For example,

• At Gaya station, structural works of West side departure and arrival building, East side departure building, East side pilgrimage building and multi-level two-wheeler parking have been completed and works of construction of air concourse, new platform shelters, etc. have been taken up.

• At Muzaffarpur station, structural works of new combined terminal building, South side arrival block building, booking counters, office buildings have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, departure block, elevated roads, etc. have been taken up.

• At Bapudham Motihari station, structural work of station buildings on both sides, works of construction of West side arrival building, residential blocks, telecom building, etc. have been taken up.

• At Saharsa station, structural works of new station building including new waiting hall and toilet block, improvement of parking area and entrance gate have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, boundary wall, additional platform shelters, electrical works of station building, etc. have been taken up.

At Salauna station, structural works of new station building, improvement of circulating area, parking area, road work and raising of platform no. 2 have been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, raising of platform no. 1, etc. have been taken up.

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• At Banmankhi station, structural work of new station building has been completed and works of construction of new foot over bridge, additional platform shelters, finishing works of station building, improvement of circulating area, etc. have been taken up.

Development/upgradation/modernization of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or station-wise or state-wise. The state of Bihar is covered under four zones viz. Eastern railway, East Central Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway. For these zones, an allocation of Rs 2,111 Crores (Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2024-25 under Plan Head-53.

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