

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2996  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025**

**WIDENING OF THREE SUBWAYS UNDER EASTERN RAILWAY**

**2996. SMT. RACHNA BANERJEE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received a number of communications since several years from local residents, civic bodies and peoples' representative for widening of three subways under Howrah-Bandel Main Line and subway of goods mainline at Bhadreswar and Mankhurd Railway Stations, Eastern Railway;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any feasibility study was done for this works long back;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether it is not true that the situation has changed since the feasibility study was done;**
- (f) if so, whether the Government has initiated feasibility study of these works looking at the manifold increase of the population of this area and considered them; and**
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (g): Sanctioning of works of Road over Bridge (ROB)/Road under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of Level crossings (LCs) is a continuous**

**and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Such works are prioritised and taken up on the basis of its impact on safety in train operations, mobility of trains & impact for road users and feasibility etc.**

**Nos. of ROBs/RUBs constructed on Indian Railways during the period 2004-14 vis a vis 2014-24 is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>ROBs/RUBs constructed</b>
<b>2004-14</b>	<b>4,148 Nos.</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>11,945 Nos. (about three Times)</b>

**As on 01.02.2025, 4344 Nos. ROBs/RUBs are sanctioned at the cost of ₹ 97,422 crore on Indian Railways including 236 Nos. of Road Over Bridge (ROB)/Road Under Bridge (RUB) works at cost of ₹ 5778 crore in the state of West Bengal, which are at various stage of planning and execution. 89 Nos. works out of 236 Nos. have been delayed due to land acquisition, cost-sharing and consent for closure etc.**

**During 2014-24, total 443 Nos. of ROBs/RUBs were constructed in the state of West Bengal.**

**During 2024-25 (upto Jan'25), 827 Nos. of ROBs/RUBs have been constructed on Indian Railways including 28 Nos. of ROBs/RUBs in the State of West Bengal.**

**Proposals/requests/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal for Road over Bridges/Road Under Bridges (ROBs/RUBs) are received from State Governments, Members of Parliament, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway**

**Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.**

**Accordingly, feasibility for widening of 03 Nos. of subways on Howrah-Bandel section has been examined and is found technically not feasible due to presence of densely populated area on both sides of the track. Similarly, construction of 03 Nos. additional subways at goods mainline Bhadreswar, Bhadreswar Railway station and Mankundu railway station is also not found technically feasible.**

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