

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.517
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

UNDERPASSES AT PALAM AND SHAHBAD RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to build underpasses at the railway crossing near Palam Railway Station and the railway crossing near Shahbad Railway Station in South Delhi Lok Sabha constituency, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Railways proposes to provide relief to the public from the problem which arises due to the closure of railway gates near these stations as thousands of people get stuck in traffic for hours daily by building an underpass and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) : 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.

No. of ROB/ RUBs constructed on Indian Railways during the period 2004-14 vis a vis 2014-25 (June'25) is as under:

Period	ROBs/ RUBs constructed
2004-14	4,148 Nos.
2014-25 (June'25)	13,426 Nos. (Including 14 Nos. in the State of Delhi)

As on 01.04.2025, 4,402 Nos. ROBs/ RUBs are sanctioned at the cost of ₹ 1,00,860 Cr on Indian Railways including 16 Nos. Road Over Bridge (ROB)/Road Under Bridge (RUB) at the cost of ₹ 649 crore in the State of Delhi, which are at various stages of planning and execution.

The works for construction of Road Under Bridges (RUBs) in lieu of Level Crossings (LC) No. 15 (Palam railway crossing) at km 18/0-1 and LC No. 17 (Shahbad railway crossing) at Km 20/9-21/0 on Delhi-Rewari section have been sanctioned. General arrangements Drawings (GADs) for both works have been approved. Detailed estimates have also been sanctioned.

Further, a Limited Height Subway (LHS) No. 18 exists at a distance of 1.3Km from LC No. 17 (Shahbad) and one ROB exists at a distance of 200 m from LC No. 15 (Palam), which are being used for crossing the track.

Completion & commissioning of ROB/RUB works depends on various factors like cooperation of State Governments in giving consent for closure of LC, fixing of approach alignment, approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD), land acquisition, removal of encroachment, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, law and order situation in the area of project / work sites, duration of working season in a year for the particular project / area due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the projects / works.
