

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 658
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

NEW RAILWAY LINE FROM KHALILABAD TO BAHRAICH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the proposed new railway line project from Khalilabad to Bahraich via Balrampur and Shrawasti particularly phase-2;**
- (b) the measures being taken to expedite the work to ensure completion on time;**
- (c) the estimated timeline for the completion and commissioning of the said line;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take steps like running of special trains providing a package or the development of station for the convenience of passengers at religious places like Shrawasti (Buddhist and Jain pilgrimage sites) and Balrampur (famous Devipatan Temple);**
- (e) if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether the Government proposes to confer the junction status to Balrampur station; and**
- (g) if so, the time by when it is likely to be done and the financial status thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g): Khalilabad - Bahraich via Balrampur and Shrawasti (240 km) new line project has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹4940 crore. The project has been notified as “Special Railway Project” for acquisition of land through State

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Government. Execution of the work has been planned in 3 phases i.e. Khalilabad to Bansi (54 km), Bansi-Shravasti (113 km) and Shravasti to Bahraich (73 km). Major portion of land acquisition for Khalilabad to Bansi section has been completed and accordingly work has been taken up. An expenditure of ₹1067 crore has been incurred upto March 2025 and an outlay of ₹421 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2025-26.

Balrampur station has been planned as a Junction station with trains going towards Gonda, Bahraich and Shravasti.

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of Railway projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.

Operation of Special train is an ongoing process of Indian Railways. Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification etc. operates Special trains to cater extra rush of passengers during festive season, vacations or for destinations of religious/tourist value to facilitate tourism and pilgrimage.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site etc. All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.