

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 72
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

REDEVELOPMENT WORK AT CHAPRA JUNCTION

***72. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the redevelopment work at Chapra Junction specifying the percentage of physical and financial progress achieved till date including the major components of work proposed under the said plan;**
- (b) the amount of budget initially sanctioned and subsequently revised for the redevelopment of said junction indicating the reasons for reduction, if any;**
- (c) the details of timeline prescribed for commencement and completion of the redevelopment work;**
- (d) whether there have been delays in the execution of the project and if so, the reasons therefor as well as the quantum of cost overruns incurred and the action taken in such cases; and**
- (e) the details of the redevelopment projects including allocated funds and their current status at various railway stations in the State of Bihar, particularly in the district of Saran?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.72 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026 IN LOK SABHA

a) to (e) At Chhapra Railway Station, passenger amenities like drinking water facilities, waiting hall, seating arrangements, platform shelters on all platforms, urinals and latrines, high-level platforms, foot over bridge, parking and circulating area with lighting arrangements, electronic train indicator boards, signages, etc are available.

During the recent years, various development works have been carried out at Chhapra Station. These include the following:

- provision of a coach guidance system and train indication boards;**
- installation of an online train reservation chart display system;**
- display of train arrival and departure information through NTES;**
- installation of lifts;**
- provision of a quick watering system for watering hydrants along with repair of existing hydrants;**
- rehabilitation of washable aprons on Line No. 4, 5, and 6, rebuilding of the washable apron on Line No. 7;**
- augmentation and upgradation of passenger amenity works;**
- repair and rehabilitation of platform surfaces;**
- extension of platforms with amenities to accommodate 26-coach-length trains;**
- provision of a platform shelter (9 bays) etc.**

Further, the works for development of second entry, improvement of the parcel office and godown have been taken up and the capacity augmentation of the mechanized laundry has been sanctioned.

Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations. The master planning includes:

- **Improvement of access to station and circulating areas**
- **Integration of station with both sides of city**
- **Improvement of station building**
- **Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths**
- **Provision of wider foot over bridge/air concourse commensurate with passenger traffic**
- **Provision of lift/escalators/ramp**
- **Improvement /Provision of platform surface and cover over platforms**
- **Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’**
- **Parking areas, Multimodal integration**
- **Amenities for Divyangjans**
- **Better passenger information systems**
- **Provision of executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.**

The scheme also envisages 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 Chhapra, Dighwara, Ekma, Masrakh and Sonpur Junction stations of Saran district,

are located in Bihar. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in 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 Jn, Jamui, Janakpur Road, Jaynagar, Jehanabad, Jhanjharpur, Kahalgaon, Karhagola Road, Katihar Jn, Khagaria Jn, Kishanganj, Kudra, Labha, Laheria Sarai, Lakhminia, Luckeesarai Jn, Madhubani, Maheshkhunt, Mairwa, Mansi Jn, Masrakh, Mokama, Motipur, Munger (Monghyr), Muzaffarpur Jn, Nabinagar Road, Narkatiaganj Jn, Naugachia, Nawadah, Paharpur, Patliputra, Patna Jn, Piro, Pirpainti, Rafiganj, Raghunathpur, Rajendra Nagar Terminal (Patna), Rajgir, Ram Dayalu Nagar, Raxaul, Sabaur, Sagauli, Saharsa, Sahibpur Kamal, Sakri, Salauna, Salmari, Samastipur, Sasaram, Shahpur Patoree, Shivanarayanpur, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Simultala, Sitamarhi, Siwan,

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
		Sonpur Jn., Sultanganj, Supaul, Taregna, Thakurganj, Thawe

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Bihar have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, works of 02 stations (Pirpainti and Thawe) in Bihar have been completed under this scheme. The works at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of above stations is as given below:

- **At Dighwara station, work of Platform extension and surfacing of platform, erection of canopy, approach road development, toilet block, water booths on platform, renovation of existing waiting hall, parking area development have been completed. Finishing works have been taken up.**
- **At Ekma station, work of improvement of waiting hall has been completed. The works of platform widening, platform surfacing, platform shelter, circulating area, parking, signages have been taken up.**
- **At Masrakh station, work of raising of platform no. 1 & 2, platform extension, platform surfacing, platform shelter, water booth and have been completed. The works of porch, toilet, circulating area, parking, signages, seating arrangement and Divyangjan facilities have been taken up.**
- **At Sonpur station, work of development of circulating area , Improvement of existing station building elevation, Construction of new atrium building with concourse and booking counter, construction of main station entry porch, renovation of existing booking counter is completed. Work of new 12 m Foot Over Bridge has been taken up.**

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways 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. The priority for development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

Development / 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.

Development / Upgradation / Modernization of stations including 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 the jurisdiction of four railway zones, namely, Eastern Railway, Northeast Frontier Railway, North Eastern Railway and East Central Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 1,828 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-26, out of which an expenditure (up to December, 2025) of ₹ 1451 crore has been incurred so far.
