

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4164
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026**

DIRECT RAIL CONNECTIVITY FOR BHIND RAILWAY STATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to lay a new rail line or start any new express/superfast train to provide direct train connectivity to Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh with the national capital of Delhi and the State capital at Bhopal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any proposal to start a direct train service from Bhind to Delhi and Bhopal or to extend any existing train is under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the specific plans formulated to strengthen train connectivity for Datia, the city of Pitambara Peeth, Ratangarh Mata Temple and other major Shaktipeeths keeping in view the growing religious tourism at the said sites;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to develop Datia railway station as a centre of religious tourism and expand passenger facilities therein; and**
- (e) if so, the present status and likely timeline for the completion of the said proposed projects?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (e) Bhind station, located on the Gwalior-Etawah section, is presently served by 07 pairs of train services which are listed below:

SN	Train no. and name
1	11903/11904 Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi - Etawah Express
2	19811/19812 Kota - Etawah Express

3	20961/20962 Udhna - Banaras Express
4	21125/21126 Ratlam - Bhind Express
5	64633/64634 Gwalior - Etawah MEMU
6	64641/64642 Gwalior - Etawah MEMU
7	64643/64644 Gwalior - Bhind MEMU

These include 05 pairs of train services catering to the needs of Bhind-Etawah sector. Etawah is further connected to Delhi by 21 pairs of trains. Bhind-Gwalior sector is served by 07 pairs of train services while Gwalior-Bhopal sector is served by 55 pairs of train services. The lists of trains serving these sectors are as under:

Trains serving Bhind-Etawah sector:

SN	Train no. and name
1	20961/20962 Udhna-Banaras Express
2	64641/64642 Gwalior-Etawah MEMU
3	19811/19812 Kota-Etawah Express
4	64633/64634 Gwalior-Etawah MEMU
5	11903/11904 Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi-Etawah Express

Trains serving Etawah-Delhi sector:

SN	Train no. and name
1	15565/15566 Lalitgram-New Delhi Express
2	12381/12382 Howrah-New Delhi Express
3	12303/12304 Howrah-New Delhi Express
4	12225/12223 Azamgarh-Delhi Express
5	20801/20802 Islampur-New Delhi Express
6	12033/12034 Kanpur Central-New Delhi Shatabdi Express
7	15557/15558 Darbhanga-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
8	12419/12420 Lucknow-New Delhi Express
9	14151/14152 Kanpur Central-Anand Vihar (T) Express
10	15483/15484 Alipur Duar-Delhi Express
11	18309/18310 Sambalpur-Jammu Tawi Express
12	18101/18102 Tatanagar-Jammu Tawi Express
13	12311/12312 Howrah-Kalka Express
14	15133/15134 Chhapra-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express

15	12505/12506 Kamakhya-Anand Vihar (T) Express
16	12875/12876 Puri-Anand Vihar (T) Express
17	12003/12004 Lucknow Ljn-New Delhi Shatabdi Express
18	15707/15708 Katihar-Amritsar Express
19	14217/14218 Prayagraj Sangam-Chandigarh Express
20	14117/14118 Prayagraj-Bhiwani Express
21	15733/15734 Balurghat-Bathinda Express

Trains serving Bhind-Gwalior sector:

SN	Train no. and name
1	20961/20962 20961/Udhna - Banaras Express
2	11903/11904 11903/Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi - Etawah Express
3	64633/64634 Gwalior - Etawah MEMU
4	64641/64642 Gwalior - Etawah MEMU
5	21125/21126 Ratlam - Bhind Express
6	19811/19812 Kota - Etawah Express
7	64633/64634 Gwalior - Etawah MEMU

Trains serving Gwalior-Bhopal sector:

SN	Train no. and name
1	11058/11057 Amritsar-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Express
2	11078/11077 Jammu Tawi-Pune Express
3	11086/11085 Gwalior -Smt Bengaluru Express
4	12002/12001 New Delhi-Rani Kamalapati Shatabdi Express
5	12138/12137 Firozpur Cant-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Express
6	12148/12147 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Kolhapur Express
7	12156/12155 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Rani Kamalapati Express
8	12162/12161 Agra Cantt -Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
9	12191/12192 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Jabalpur Express
10	12198/12197 Gwalior -Bhopal Express
11	12270/12269 Hazrat Nizamuddin- Mgr Chennai Central Durgam Express
12	12406/12405 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Bhusaval Express
13	12410/12409 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Raigarh Express
14	12422/12421 Amritsar-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express
15	12434/12433 Hazrat Nizamuddin- MGR Chennai Central Rajdhani

	Express
16	12440/12439 Shri Ganganagar-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express
17	12442/12441 New Delhi-Bilaspur Rajdhani Express
18	12486/12485 Shri Ganganagar-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express
19	12612/12611 Hazrat Nizamuddin- MGR Chennai Central Garib Rath
20	12616/12615 New Delhi- Mgr Chennai Central Express
21	12618/12617 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Express
22	12622/12621 New Delhi- Mgr Chennai Central Express
23	12626/12625 New Delhi-Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
24	12628/12627 New Delhi-KSR Bengaluru Express
25	12644/12643 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
26	12646/12645 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Express
27	12648/12647 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Coimbatore Express
28	12650/12649 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Yesvantpur Express
29	12708/12707 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Tirupati Express
30	12716/12715 Amritsar-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express
31	12722/12721 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Hyderabad Express
32	12724/12723 New Delhi-Hyderabad Express
33	12752/12751 Jammu Tawi-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express
34	12780/12779 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Vasco Da Gama Express
35	12782/12781 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Mysore Express
36	12804/12803 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Express
37	12808/12807 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Express
38	12920/12919 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Express
39	14314/14313 Bareilly-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
40	14320/14319 Bareilly-Indore Express
41	14622/14621 Firozpur Cant-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express
42	16032/16031 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra- Mgr Chennai Central Express
43	16318/16317 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Kanniyakumari Express
44	16788/16787 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Tirunelveli Express
45	18238/18237 Amritsar-Bilaspur Express

46	20172/20171 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Rani Kamalapati Vande Bharat Express
47	20424/20423 Firozpur Cant-Seoni Express
48	20494/20493 Chandigarh-Madurai Express
49	20658/20657 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Sss Hubballi Express
50	20806/20805 New Delhi-Visakhapatnam Express
51	22126/22125 Amritsar-Nagpur Express
52	22222/22221 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Rajdhani Express
53	22456/22455 Kalka-Sainagar Shirdi Express
54	22692/22691 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ksr Bengaluru Rajdhani Express
55	22710/22709 Amb Andaura-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express

Bhind is an existing station on Indian Railway Network and well connected with Delhi and Bhopal. Further, to improve connectivity in the region, survey of Mahoba to Bhind new line via Orai and Rath (217 km) has been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).

After preparation of DPR, sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines cannot be fixed.

Datia

To improve connectivity and to cater to needs of passengers of Datia station, stoppage of 12409/12410 Raigarh-Hazrat Nizamuddin Gondwana Express (w.e.f. 10.06.2025) and 22469/22470 Khajuraho-Hazrat Nizamuddin Vande Bharat Express (w.e.f. 13.05.2025) have been provided at Datia.

Accordingly, at present, Datia is served by 48 train services which are providing connectivity inter alia to major stations like Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Kolkata, Varanasi, Brahmapur, Ujjain etc. The list of trains serving Datia station is listed below:

SN	Train no. and name
1	12409 Raigarh-Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
2	12920 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Express

3	11058 Amritsar-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Express
4	22196 Bandra (T)-Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi Express
5	12189 Jabalpur-Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
6	12722 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Hyderabad Express
7	12192 Jabalpur-Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
8	18477 Puri-Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
9	11801 Gwalior-Prayagraj Express
10	11108 Banaras-Gwalior Express
11	11807 Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi-Agra Cantt Express
12	20807 Visakhapatnam-Amritsar Express
13	20976 Agra Cantt-Howrah Express
14	12176 Gwalior-Howrah Express
15	12178 Mathura-Howrah Express
16	11904 Etawah-Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi Express
17	22470 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Khajuraho Vande Bharat Express
18	11902 Agra Cantt-Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi Express
19	12138 Firozpur Cant-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Express
20	18238 Amritsar-Bilaspur Express
21	18237 Korba-Amritsar Express
22	11123 Gwalior-Barauni Express
23	12280 New Delhi-Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi Express
24	19666 Udaipur City-Khajuraho Express
25	20808 Amritsar-Visakhapatnam Express
26	19665 Khajuraho-Udaipur City Express
27	11077 Pune-Jammu Tawi Express
28	12137 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T)-Firozpur Cant Express
29	12279 Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi-New Delhi Express
30	20975 Howrah-Agra Cantt Express
31	12177 Howrah-Mathura Express
32	12175 Howrah-Gwalior Express
33	11901 Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi-Agra Cantt Express
34	22195 Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi-Bandra (T) Express
35	11078 Jammu Tawi-Pune Express
36	11903 Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi-Etawah Express

37	11802 Prayagraj-Gwalior Express
38	18478 Yog Nagari Rishikesh-Puri Express
39	11124 Barauni-Gwalior Express
40	22469 Khajuraho-Hazrat Nizamuddin Vande Bharat Express
41	12190 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Jabalpur Express
42	11808 Agra Cantt-Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi Express
43	12410 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Raigarh Express
44	12191 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Jabalpur Express
45	11057 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T)-Amritsar Express
46	12721 Hyderabad-Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
47	12919 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
48	11107 Gwalior-Banaras Express

Besides, introduction of train services on any route/section, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include:

- **Capacity of that section.**
- **Availability of path.**
- **Availability of required rolling stock.**
- **Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock.**
- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets.**

Amrit Bharat Stations:

Datia station, located in Madhya Pradesh has been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Development works at Datia station have been taken up at good pace. The works of improvement of station building, platform surface, circulating area and approach road at second entry, main entrance gate and Divyangjan facilities have been completed. The works of lift and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have 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. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station is carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.

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 a city centre at the station in the long term. Development / upgradation of railway stations has a positive impact on tourism in the surrounding areas.

So far, 1338 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 80 stations are located in Madhya Pradesh. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Madhya Pradesh are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Madhya Pradesh	80	Akodia, Amla, Anuppur, Ashoknagar, Balaghat, Banapura, Bargawan, Beohari, Berchha, Betul, Bhind, Bhopal, Bijuri, Bina, Biyavra Rajgarh, Chhindwara, Dabra, Damoh, Datia, Dewas, Gadarwara, Ganjbasoda, Ghoradongri, Guna, Gwalior, Harda, Harpalpur, Indore

		Jn, Itarsi Jn, Jabalpur, Junnor Deo, Kareli, Katni Jn, Katni Murwara, Katni South, Khachrod, Khajuraho Jn, Khandwa, Khirkiya, Laxmi Bai Nagar, Maihar, Maksi Jn, Mandla Fort, Mandmor, MCS Chhatarpur, Meghnagar, Morena, Multai, Nagda Jn, Nainpur Jn, Narmadapuram, Narsinghpur, Neapanagar, Nimuch, Orchha, Pandhurna, Pipariya, Ratlam, Rewa, Ruthiyai, Sanchi, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Satna, Saugor, Sehore, Seoni, Shadhol, Shajapur, Shamgarh, Sheopur Kalan, Shivpuri, Shridham, Shujalpur, Sihora Road, Singrauli, Tikamgarh, Ujjain, Umariya, Vidisha, Vikramgarh Alot
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Completed stations:

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Madhya Pradesh have been taken up at a good pace. Details of stations completed in Madhya Pradesh are as under:

State	No. of stations	Name of stations
Madhya Pradesh	15	Beohari, Bhind, Chhindwara, Harpalpur, Junnor Deo, Katni South, MCS Chhatarpur, Nainpur Jn, Narmadapuram, Orchha, Sanchi, Seoni, Shajapur, Shridham, Vidisha

The activities for development at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations is as given below:

- **Bhind station:** The works of improvement of station building, platform surfacing, platform shelter, improvement of toilet, circulating area, approach road, main entrance gate, Divyangjan facilities and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been completed. The work of lift has been taken up.
- **Dabra Station:** The works of improvement of station building, porch, platform shelter, circulating area and approach road, have been completed. The work of 12 m Foot Over Bridge has been taken up.
- **Gwalior station:** The structural works of arrival and departure buildings at West side, concourse, mezzanine, air concourse and Foot Over Bridge at Jhansi end have been completed. The block work of arrival and departure building at East side, arrival passage, platform refurbishment, air concourse, central roof and Foot Over Bridge at Agra end have been taken up.

• **Saugor station: The works of improvement of station building, new entry and exit porches, platform raising and surfacing of platform no. 1, improvement of waiting hall, new toilet block and Divyangjan facilities have been completed. The works of circulating area, parking and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up**

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.

Development / Upgradation / Modernization of stations including Amrit Bharat Station Scheme are 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. Madhya Pradesh is covered under the jurisdiction of seven railway zones, namely Central Railway, East Central Railway, North Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 5,801 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-26, out of which an expenditure (up to February, 2026) of ₹ 5,681 crore has been incurred so far.
