

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 794
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

NEW RAILWAY LINE FROM DILDARNAGAR TO MAA MUNDESHWARI DHAM

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved a project for the Dildarnagar Junction-Bhabhua Road new railway line (approximately 35 kilometers, estimated cost Rs. 800 crore) in the Railway Budget 2024-25;**
- (b) the details of the findings of the survey and the decisions taken by the Government based on those findings including current status of the projects;**
- (c) the reasons for the delay in starting the project work;**
- (d) whether there has been any progress on the construction of the related railway line, DPR, cost estimates and land acquisition process, if a survey was conducted;**
- (e) whether there is a proposal to conduct the survey in the financial year 2025-26, if it was not done earlier;**
- (f) if so, the expected timeline for the survey and the commencement of construction work;**
- (g) if not, the reasons for not proposing the survey or construction of the above mentioned route given that Maa Mundeshwari Dham is important religious and tourist site;**
- (h) whether the Government is aware that this railway line, which connects Ghazipur (Uttar Pradesh), Buxar and Kaimur (Bihar) districts can boost connectivity, trade, employment and passenger movement in the border areas; and**

(i) if so, whether the Government proposes to include this project in its priority list for early implementation considering its inter-State importance and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (i) : Dildarnagar Junction and Bhabhua Road are already connected via Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction on existing Railway network. Bhabhua Road railway station is about 22 Km away from the Maa Mundeshwari Dham which serves as the transportation hub for the town & nearby regions.

To explore an additional connectivity between Bhabhua Road and Dildarnagar a survey of Bhabhua Road-Dildarnagar (33 Km) new line has been sanctioned. The field survey has been completed.

After preparation of Detailed Project Report (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 depends upon appraisals and approvals by various stakeholders.

Ghazipur, Buxar and Bhabhua Road (Kaimur) are already existing railway stations on the railway network providing well established connectivity for both passenger and freight traffic.

Bihar

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹1,132 Cr./year
2025-26	₹10,066 Cr. (Nearly 9 times)

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar during 2009-14 and 2014-25 is as under :-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	318 Km	63.6 Km
2014-25	1,899 Km	172.6 (More than 2.5 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 52 projects (31 New Lines, 01 Gauge Conversions and 20 Doubling), of a total length of 4,663 km, costing ₹86,107 crore, falling fully/partly in Bihar, are sanctioned, out of which 1,250 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹29,353 crore has been incurred upto March' 2025. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of sanctioned Projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (in Km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'25 (in Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'25 (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	31	2,691	516	16,814
Gauge Conversion	1	69	52	544
Doubling/Multi-tracking	20	1,904	446	11,995
Total	52	4,663	1,014	29,353

Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

Sanction of any railway project depend upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- **Anticipated traffic projections and Remunerativeness of the proposed route**
- **First and last mile connectivity provided by the project**
- **Connection of missing links and providing additional route**
- **Augmentation of congested/saturated lines**

- **Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,**
- **Railway's own operational requirements**
- **Socio-economic considerations**
- **Overall availability of funds**

Completion of Railway projects/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- **Land acquisition by State Government**
- **Forest clearance**
- **Shifting of infringing utilities**
- **Statutory clearances from various authorities**
- **Geological and topographical conditions of area**
- **Law and order situation in the area of project 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.
