

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1658
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

LACK OF RAIL CONNECTIVITY IN SHRAVASTI, UTTAR PRADESH

†1658. SHRI RAM SHIROMANI VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that due to lack of rail connectivity in Shravasti, an aspirational district of Uttar Pradesh the expected development in the sector such as tourism, trade, agriculture and employment sectors has not taken place so far;**
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) whether any work has been done by the Government for modernisation of railway stations, expansion of passenger facilities and development of railway infrastructure in Shravasti Lok Sabha Constituency during the last five years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;**
- (d) whether any proposals regarding new railway lines, doubling of railway tracks, electrification or introduction of new rail services related to said Lok Sabha Constituency are under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government is formulating any time-bound action plan for the early implementation of the said projects; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be finalised?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (f): Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/Region-wise/Constituency-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries.

Bahraich-Khalilabad new line project (240 Km) passing through Shravasti district has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹4,940 crore. An expenditure of ₹1,525 crore has been incurred upto March 2026 and an outlay of ₹686 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2026-27.

The project has been notified as “Special Railway Project” for acquisition of land through State Government. Major section-wise progress is as under:

Section	Status of works
Khalilabad-Bansi (54 Km)	Land acquisition: 246.81 Ha. out of 254.44 Ha. land acquired and balance acquisition taken up. Earth Work: 37.03L Cum. out of 61.71L Cum. earth work completed and further work taken up. Major bridge: Work taken up in all 26 major bridges. RUB: 27 out of 56 RUBs completed and work taken up in balance. ROB: Work taken up in all 4 ROB. Station building: Work taken up in all 7 station buildings.
Bansi-Ikauna (120 Km)	Land acquisition: 48.02 Ha. out of 568.22 Ha. land acquired and balance acquisition taken up.
Ikauna-Bahraich (66 Km)	Land acquisition: 274.17 Ha. out of 329.60 Ha. land acquired and balance acquisition taken up.

Uttar Pradesh

Railway Budget:

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹1,109 crore/year
2026-27	₹20,012 crore (More than 18 times)

Track construction:

The details of constructing new tracks falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh are as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	996 Km	199 Km per year
2014-26	5,499 Km	458 Km per year (More than 2 times)

Projects sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 49 projects (09 New Line, 01 Gauge Conversion and 39 Doubling) of 3,691 Km length, costing ₹62,417 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length (Km)	Length Commissioned (Km)	Exp upto Mar'26 (₹ in Cr.)
New Line	09	1,200	365	11,885
Gauge Conversion	01	11	0	27
Doubling/ Multitracking	39	2,480	985	21,631
Total	49	3,691	1,350	33,543

Recently completed projects:

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh are as under:

SN.	Project	Cost (₹ in Cr.)
1	Meerut-Muzaffarnagar Doubling (55 Km)	430
2	Bahraich-Nepal Ganj Gauge Conversion (56 Km)	342
3	Ballia-Ghazipur City Doubling (65 Km)	650
4	Ghazipur City-Tarighat New Line (17 Km)	1,766
5	Gonda-Gorakhpur Loop Gauge Conversion (260 Km)	863
6	Gonda-Bahraich Gauge Conversion (60 Km)	318
7	Barabanki-Akbarpur Doubling (161 Km)	1,700
8	Kaptanganj- Chhapra Gauge Conversion (234 Km)	819
9	Pilibhit-Shahjahanpur Gauge Conversion (83 Km)	589
10	Indara-Dohrighat Gauge Conversion (34 Km)	213
11	Lucknow-Pilibhit Gauge Conversion (263 Km)	1,634
12	Bhadoi-Janghai Doubling (31 Km)	168
13	Lahota-Bhadoi Doubling (39 Km)	184
14	Etawah-Mainpuri New Line (58 Km)	313
15	Phaphamau-Prayagraj Doubling (14 Km)	212
16	Muzaffarnagar-Tapri Doubling (52 Km)	525
17	Utretia-Raibareilly Doubling (66 Km)	662
18	Raibareilly-Amethi Doubling (60 Km)	668
19	Alamnagar-Utretia Doubling (20 Km)	358
20	Bhimsen-Jhansi Doubling (206 Km)	2,620
21	Domingarh-Kusumhi 3rd Line and Gorakhpur-Nakaha Jungle Doubling (21 Km)	508
22	Malhaur-Daliganj Doubling (13 Km)	183
23	Ruma Chakeri-Chandari 3rd Line (13 Km)	177
24	Bareilly-Tanakpur Gauge Conversion (102 Km)	313
25	Rosa- Burhwal Doubling (181 Km)	2,094
26	Jaunpur- Akbarpur Doubling (77 Km)	676
27	Ramna-Singrauli Doubling (160 Km)	2,436
28	Janghai-Phaphamau Doubling (47 Km)	414
29	Varanasi-Prayagraj Doubling (120 Km)	2,018
30	Karaila Road-Shaktinagar Doubling (32 Km)	763

31	Deoband-Roorkee New Line (27 Km)	1,289
32	Agra-Etawah New Line(110 Km)	427
33	Phephna-Indara, Mau-Shahganj Doubling (150 Km)	1,778
34	Janghai-Pratapgarh-Amethi Doubling (87 km)	1,429
35	Burhwal-Gonda 3rd Line (62 Km)	1,308

Ongoing projects:

Some of the projects falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh which have been taken up are as under:

SN	Project	Cost (₹ in Cr.)
1	Barabanki-Burhwal 3rd Line (27 Km)	426
2	Burhwal-Gonda Kacheri 4th line (56 Km)	796
3	Bahraich-Khalilabad New Line (240 Km)	4,940
4	Katra-Ayodhya Dham Doubling (10 Km)	466
5	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya-Prayagraj 3rd Line (150 Km)	2,649
6	Billi-Chunar Doubling (102 Km)	1,424
7	Chhapra-Ballia Doubling (65 Km)	1,046
8	Etah-Kasganj New Line (29 Km)	389
9	Gorakhpur-Valmikinagar Doubling (96 Km)	1,121
10	Varanasi-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya 3rd and 4th Line (15 Km)	2,464
11	Jhansi- Manikpur & Khairar-Bhimsen Doubling (431 Km)	4,330
12	Sahjanwa-Dohrighat New Line (81 Km)	1,320
13	Prayagraj (Iradatganj)-Manikpur 3rd Line (84 Km)	1,508
14	Bhatni-Aunrihar Doubling (117 Km)	2,529
15	Mathura-Jhansi 3rd line (274 Km)	5,961
16	Agra Fort-Bandikui Doubling (150 Km)	988
17	Barabanki-Malhaur 3rd & 4th Line (33 Km)	450
18	Phaphamau-Unchahar Doubling (72 Km)	899
19	Aunrihar-Varanasi City 3rd Line (31 Km)	497
20	Ghaziabad-Sitapur 3rd & 4th line (403 Km)	14,926
21	Nagda-Mathura 3rd & 4th line (568 Km)	16,403
22	Burhwal-Sitapur City 3rd & 4th line (103 Km)	2,276

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

- **Land acquisition**
- **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.**

Electrification:

Electrification of railway network on Indian Railways has been taken up in mission mode. So far, about 99.6% of Broad Gauge (BG) network has been electrified. The electrification in remaining network has been taken up. Electrification carried out during 2014-26 and before 2014 is as under:

Period	Route Kilometer
Before 2014 (about 60 years)	21,801
2014-2026	48,072

In Uttar Pradesh, entire existing BG network has been electrified. Further, all new line/multi-tracking projects are being sanctioned and constructed with electrification.

Train Services:

Indian Railways (IR) constantly endeavours to improve connectivity and facilitate travelling passengers and to this end the following have been undertaken during 2025-26 and 2026-27 (upto June, 2026) which inter alia caters to the needs of passengers of Balrampur, Tulsipur, Kauwapur and Gainsari:

- 1. Introduction of 55061/55062 Nakaha Jungle-Aishbagh Passenger w.e.f. 26.05.2026 with stoppages at Balrampur, Tulsipur, Kauwapur and Gainsari.**

2. Introduction of 14663/14664 New Jalpaiguri-Amritsar Amrit Bharat Express w.e.f. 14.05.2026 with stoppage at Balrampur.

In addition, it has been decided to introduce 14045/14046 Gorakhpur-Delhi Amrit Bharat Express with stoppage at Balrampur and to extend 13507/13508 Asansol-Gorakhpur Express upto Balrampur with stoppage at Tulsipur.

At present, Balrampur which is a major station located in Shrivasthi Lok Sabha Constituency is served by 26 train services providing connectivity inter alia to destinations like Delhi, Mumbai, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Amritsar, etc.

Similarly, Tulsipur, Kauwapur and Gainsari stations are served by 22 train services, 08 train services and 08 train services respectively. Lists of trains serving these stations are as under:

Trains Serving Balrampur station:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	14663 New Jalpaiguri-Amritsar Amrit Bharat Express
2	14664 Amritsar-New Jalpaiguri Amrit Bharat Express
3	11079 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Gorakhpur Express
4	11080 Gorakhpur-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
5	12571 Gorakhpur-Anand Vihar (T) Express
6	12572 Anand Vihar (T)-Gorakhpur Express
7	15009 Gorakhpur-Izzatnagar Express
8	15010 Izzatnagar-Gorakhpur Express
9	15065 Gorakhpur-Panvel Express
10	15066 Panvel-Gorakhpur Express
11	15067 Gorakhpur-Bandra (T) Express
12	15068 Bandra (T)-Gorakhpur Express
13	15069 Gorakhpur-Aishbagh Express
14	15070 Aishbagh-Gorakhpur Express
15	15081 Gorakhpur-Gomti Nagar Express
16	15082 Gomti Nagar-Gorakhpur Express
17	15705 Katihar-Delhi Express
18	15706 Delhi Jn.-Katihar Express
19	22199 Gwalior-Balrampur Express

20	22200 Balrampur-Gwalior Express
21	22921 Bandra (T)-Gorakhpur Express
22	22922 Gorakhpur-Bandra (T) Express
23	55061 Nakaha Jungle-Aishbagh Passenger
24	55062 Aishbagh-Nakaha Jungle Passenger
25	75107 Nakaha Jungle-Gonda DEMU
26	75108 Gonda-Nakaha Jungle DEMU

Trains serving Tulsipur station:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11079 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Gorakhpur Express
2	11080 Gorakhpur-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
3	12571 Gorakhpur -Anand Vihar (T) Express
4	12572 Anand Vihar (T)-Gorakhpur Express
5	15009 Gorakhpur-Izzatnagar Express
6	15010 Izzatnagar-Gorakhpur Express
7	15065 Gorakhpur-Panvel Express
8	15066 Panvel-Gorakhpur Express
9	15067 Gorakhpur-Bandra (T) Express
10	15068 Bandra (T)-Gorakhpur Express
11	15069 Gorakhpur-Aishbagh Express
12	15070 Aishbagh-Gorakhpur Express
13	15081 Gorakhpur-Gomti Nagar Express
14	15082 Gomti Nagar-Gorakhpur Express
15	15705 Katihar-Delhi Express
16	15706 Delhi-Katihar Express
17	22921 Bandra (T)-Gorakhpur Express
18	22922 Gorakhpur-Bandra (T) Express
19	75107 Nakaha Jungle-Gonda DEMU
20	75108 Gonda-Nakaha Jungle DEMU
21	55061 Nakaha Jungle-Aishbagh Passenger
22	55062 Aishbagh-Nakaha Jungle Passenger

Trains serving Kauwapur station:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11079 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Gorakhpur Express
2	11080 Gorakhpur-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
3	15067 Gorakhpur-Bandra (T) Express
4	15068 Bandra (T)-Gorakhpur Express
5	55061 Nakaha Jungle-Aishbagh Passenger
6	55062 Aishbagh-Nakaha Jungle Passenger
7	75107 Nakaha Jungle-Gonda DEMU
8	75108 Gonda-Nakaha Jungle DEMU

Trains serving Gainsari station:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11079 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Gorakhpur Express
2	11080 Gorakhpur-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
3	15067 Gorakhpur-Bandra (T) Express
4	15068 Bandra (T)-Gorakhpur Express
5	75107 Nakaha Jungle-Gonda DEMU
6	75108 Gonda-Nakaha Jungle DEMU
7	55061 Nakaha Jungle-Aishbagh Passenger
8	55062 Aishbagh-Nakaha Jungle Passenger

Besides, introduction of new train services, 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.**
- **Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section.**

Amrit Bharat Stations:

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 of Indian Railways. The master planning, keeping in view the necessity of each station, 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/subway to commensurate with passenger traffic**

- **Provision of lifts/escalators/ramps**
- **Improvement of platform surface/ provision of platform shelter**
- **Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’**
- **Parking development**
- **Amenities for Divyangjans**
- **Better passenger information systems**
- **Provision of air concourse, executive lounges, Multimodal integration, landscaping, etc.**

The scheme also envisages sustainable and environment friendly solutions etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1,340 stations have been identified for development under this scheme, out of which 157 stations, including Balrampur and Tulsipur stations of Shravasti Lok Sabha Constituency, are located in Uttar Pradesh. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Uttar Pradesh are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Uttar Pradesh	157	Achnera, Agra Cantt., Agra Fort, Aishbagh Jn, Akbarpur Jn, Aligarh, Amethi, Amroha, Anand Nagar Jn., Aonla, Ayodhya Dham Junction, Azamgarh, Babatpur, Bachhrawan, Badaun, Badshahnagar, Badshahpur, Baheri, Bahraich, Balamau Jn., Ballia, Balrampur, Banaras, Banda, Barabanki Jn, Bareilly, Bareilly City, Barhni, Basti, Belthara Road, Bhadohi, Bharatkund, Bhatni, Bhuteshwar, Bijnor, Bulandsahar, Chandauli Majhwar, Chandausi, Chilbila, Chitrakut dham karwi, Chopan, Chunar Jn., Daliganj, Darshannagar, Deoria Sadar, Dhampur, Dildarnagar, Etawah Jn., Farrukhabad, Fatehabad, Fatehpur, Fatehpur

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
		Sikri, Firozabad, Gajraula, Garhmuktesar, Gauriganj, Ghatampur, Ghaziabad, Ghazipur City, Gola Gokarnath, Gomtinagar, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Govardhan, Govindpuri, Gursahaiganj, Haidergarh, Hapur, Hardoi, Hathras City, Idgah Agra Jn, Izzatnagar, Janghai Jn, Jaunpur City, Jaunpur Jn, Kannauj, Kanpur Anwarganj, Kanpur Bridge Left Bank, Kanpur Central, Kaptanganj Jn, Kasganj Jn, Kashi, Khalilabad, Khorason road, Khurja Jn., Kosi Kalan, Kunda Harnamganj, Lakhimpur, Lalganj, Lalitpur Jn, Lambhua, Lohta, Lucknow (Charbagh) NR, Lucknow city, Lucknow Jn. (NER), Maa Belha Devi Pratapgarh Junction, Maghar, Maharaja Bijli Pasi, Mahoba Jn, Mailani Jn, Mainpuri Jn, Malhaur, Manak Nagar, Manikpur Jn, Mariahu, Mathura Jn, Mau Jn, Meerut City Jn, Mirzapur, Modinagar, Mohanlalganj, Moradabad Jn, Muzaffarnagar, Nagina, Najibabad Jn, Orai, Panki Dham, Phaphamau Jn, Phulpur, Pilibhit Jn, Pokhrayan, Prayag Jn, Prayagraj Jn, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn , Rae Bareli Jn, Raja Ki Mandi, Ramghat Halt, Rampur Jn, Renukoot, Saharanpur Jn., Salempur, Seohara, Shahganj Jn, Shahjahanpur, Shamli, Shikohabad Jn., Shivpur, Siddharth nagar, Sitapur Jn., Sonbhadra, Sri Krishna Nagar, Sultanpur Jn, Suraimanpur, Swaminarayan Chappia, Takia, Tulsipur, Tundla Jn., Ujhani, Unchahar, Unnao Jn, Utraitia Jn, Varanasi Cantt., Varanasi City, Vindhyachal, Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi, Vyasnagar, Zafarabad

Completed Stations:

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

State	No. of stations	Name of stations
Uttar Pradesh	38	Aishbagh Junction, Ayodhya Dham Junction, Bachhrawan, Baheri, Balrampur, Bareilly City, Bijnor, Chunar Junction, Daliganj, Dhampur, Fatehabad, Fatehpur, Gauriganj, Gola Gokarnath, Gomtinagar, Govardhan, Govindpuri, Hathras City, Idgah Agra Junction, Izzatnagar, Khalilabad, Mailani Junction, Modinagar, Mohanlalganj, Orai, Panki Dham, Phaphamau Junction, Pokhrayan, Prayag Junction, Ramghat Halt, Saharanpur Junction, Salempur, Shamli, Siddharth Nagar, Suraimanpur, Swaminarayan Chappia, Ujhani, Vindhyachal

Shravasti Lok Sabha Constituency:

The activities for development of stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Shravasti Lok Sabha Constituency have been taken up at good pace and the progress of the stations is as given below:

- Balrampur station: The development works have been completed.**
- Tulsipur station: The works of improvement of station building, entrance porch, improvement of circulating area, parking area, improvement of waiting room, toilet, platform shelter and signages have been completed. The work of amenities for Divyangjan has been taken up.**

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:

- **Lucknow (Charbagh) NR station:** The structural work of new station building at second entry has been completed. The finishing work of new station building, concourse, 10 m wide foot over bridge, development of circulating area at second entry and improvement of circulating area at main entry have been taken up.
- **Gorakhpur station:** The structural works of multi level car parking, commercial block, new laundry and electrical substation have been completed. The structural works of main station building, second entry station building and foot over bridge, finishing works for multi-level car parking, commercial block, new laundry and electrical substation have been taken up.
- **Deoria Sadar station:** The works for improvement of waiting hall, retiring room, dormitory, parking, improvement of circulating area, entry/ exit gates and platform shelters have been completed. The works of new station building, entrance porch, 12 m wide foot over bridge, lift, escalator, improvement of Pay & Use toilet and amenities for Divyangjan have been taken up.
- **Bhatni station:** The works of improvement of station building, entrance porch, improvement of circulating area and parking have been completed. The works of improvement of platform surface, platform shelter and amenities for Divyangjan have been taken up.
- **Basti station:** The works for improvement of station building, improvement of circulating area, parking, waiting hall, toilets, improvement of platform surface, platform shelters, new entrance porch, new Pay & Use toilet block and landscaping have been completed. The works of lighting and signages 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.

Development/Upgradation of railway stations is a complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as tree cutting, heritage, fire clearance, airport clearance etc. These stations are in operation since long, so brownfield work challenges are being faced, such as shifting of utilities (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipelines, power/signal cables, etc.), infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of the tracks and near to high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the progress of work and completion time.

Development/upgradation/modernisation of stations including under 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 station-wise or state-wise. Uttar Pradesh is covered under the jurisdiction of five railway zones, namely, East Central Railway, North Central Railway, Northern Railway, North Eastern Railway, and West Central Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹17,973 crore has been made for the last five financial years and current year, out of which an expenditure (up to June, 2026) of ₹13,624 crore has been incurred so far.
