

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1769
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AT MURSHIDABAD DISTRICT

1769. MR PATHAN YUSUF:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of ongoing railway infrastructure projects in Murshidabad district, including the construction of road overbridges/underpasses, railway station redevelopment works and the closure of level crossings;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the severe traffic congestion and safety hazards caused by the closure of railway level crossings at Beldanga, Rejinagar and other stations on the Sealdah–Lalgola section of said district; and**
- (c) if so, the details of present status, funds allocated, proposals to expedite the construction of road overbridges/underpasses at these locations and the expected date/timeline fixed for completion of the projects, project-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c): Railway projects are surveyed /sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise /District wise as the Railway projects may span across State/district boundaries. Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, Railway's own operational requirements, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds which is a continuous and ongoing process.

Recently Completed Projects in Murshidabad District:

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in the Murshidabad area are as under:

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Azimganj-Murshidabad new line (7 Km)	164
2	Lalgola – Jiaganj Doubling (23 Km)	124
3	Azimganj-Manigram Doubling (21 km)	150
4	Bazar Sau-Azimganj Jn. Doubling (42 km)	343
5	Nalhati-Sagardighi Doubling (26 km)	193
6	Monigram-Nimtita Doubling (24 Km)	713
7	Azimganj-Sagardighi Doubling (16 Km)	98

Railway Budget:

Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allotment of projects is made commensurate to the progress achieved in any project. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs.4,380 Cr./year
2026-27	Rs. 14,205 Cr. (More than 3 times)

Track construction:

The details of constructing new tracks falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal during is as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned
2009-14	863 Km
2014-26	1,366 Km

Projects Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 63 projects (14 New Lines, 04 Gauge Conversions and 45 Doubling), covering a total length of 5,148 Km, costing ₹83,433 crore, falling fully/partly in West Bengal are sanctioned. The summary is as under:

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned till March, 2026 (in Km)	Total Exp. upto March, 2026 (Rs. in Cr.)
New Lines	14	1,056	337	13,872
Gauge Conversion	4	1,201	854	3,676
Doubling/Multi-tracking	45	2,891	530	10,401
Total	63	5,148	1,721	27,949

Recently Completed Projects:

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

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Rampurhat-Mandarhill new line (130 Km)	908
2	Bardhaman-Katwa Gauge Conversion (52 Km)	696
3	Ahmedpur-Katwa Gauge Conversion (52 Km)	440
4	Panskura Kharagpur Doubling (45 Km)	408
5	Krishnanagar-Bethuadahari Doubling (28 Km)	152
6	Nabadwipdham-Patuli Doubling (22 Km)	170
7	Bethuadhahari-Plassey Doubling (23 km)	132
8	Ambikakalna-Nabadwipdham Doubling (23 km)	145
9	Tamluk Jn.- Basulya Sutahata Doubling (24 km)	245

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
10	Plassey- Jiaganj Doubling (54 km)	234
11	New Coochbehar-Gumanihat Doubling (29 km)	330
12	New Coochbehar-Samuktala Road Doubling (29 km)	445
13	Sainthia-Tarapith 3rd line (22 Km)	186
14	Ambari Falakata-New Maynaguri Doubling (38 km)	843
15	Bandel-Boinchi - 3rd line (31 km)	546
16	Boinchi-Shaktigarh 3rd line (26 km)	424
17	Kharagpur-Narayangarh 3rd line (24 km)	270
18	Purulia-Kotshila Doubling (36 Km)	393
19	Sagardighi- Malda Town Doubling (25 Km)	248

Ongoing Projects:

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

S.No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Chandil- Damodar 3rd Line(121 Km)	1,932
2	Tarakeshwar-Bishnupur New Line (83 Km)	1,542
3	Sivok-Rangpo New Line (44 Km)	11,973
4	Balurghat-Hilli New Line (30 Km)	1,209
5	Kaliyaganj-Buniadpur New Line (33 Km)	1,147
6	Katihar-Kumedpur and Katihar-Mukuria Doubling (65 Km)	943
7	Kharagpur-Adityapur 3rd line (132 Km)	3,450
8	Narayangarh-Bhadrak 3rd line (153 Km)	3,425

S.No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
9	Kalipahari-Bakhtarnagar 5th Line (18Km)	350
10	Dankuni-Baltikuri 3rd & 4th line (18 Km)	429
11	Murarai-Barharwa 3rd Line (49 Km)	935
12	Ranaghat-Krishnanagar City 3rd Line (26 Km)	446
13	Aluabari Road-New Jalpaiguri 3rd & 4th Line (57 Km)	1,630
14	Sainthia-Pakur 4th Line (81 Km)	1,569
15	Santragachi- Kharagpur 4th Line (111 Km)	2,905
16	Barbenda-Damrughutu Doubling, Damrughutu-Bokaro Steel City 3rd & 4th Line (52 Km)	815
17	Ranaghat-Bangaon doubling (33 Km)	396
18	Hijli to Nimpura Through yard 3rd line (6 Km)	234
19	Doubling of New Jalpaiguri- Siliguri (7 Km)	215
20	Thakurganj-Siliguri Doubling (56 Km)	916
21	Bypass line at Rampur hat (12 Km)	190

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

To improve connectivity in Murshidabad district, survey of Gumani–New Farakka–Malda Town 3rd & 4th Line (59 km) including four line railway bridge on river Ganga has been completed and Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared.

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.

Station Redevelopment:

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 102 stations, including Azimganj, Berhampore Court, Dhulian Ganga, Jangipur Road, Khagrahat Road and New Farakka Jn. stations of Murshidabad district, are located in West Bengal. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in West Bengal are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
West Bengal	102	Adra, Alipurduar Jn., Aluabari Road, Ambika kalna, Anara, Andal Jn., Andul, Asansol Jn., Azimganj, Bagnan, Bally, Balurghat, Bandel Jn., Bangaon Jn., Bankura, Barabhum, Barasat, Barddhaman, Barrackpore, Belda, Berhampore Court, Bethuadahari, Bhaluka Road, Binnaguri, Bishnupur, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Burnpur, Canning, Chandan nagar, Chandpara, Chandrakona Road, Dalgaon, Dalkhola, Dankuni, Dhulian Ganga, Dhupguri, Digha, Dinhata, Dum Dum Jn., Falakata, Garbeta, Gede, Haldia, Haldibari, Harishchandrapur, Hasimara, Hijli, Howrah Jn, Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, Jangipur Road, Jhalida, Jhargram, Joychandi Pahar Jn, Kaliyaganj, Kalyani, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kamakhyaguri, Katwa Jn, Khagrahat Road, Kharagpur Jn, Kolkata, Krishnanagar City Jn, Kumedpur Jn, Madhukunda, Madhyamgram, Malda Court, Malda Town, Mecheda, Medinipur (Midnapore), Nabadwip

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
		Dham, Naihati Jn, New Alipurduar, New Cooch Behar, New Farakka Jn, New Jalpaiguri Jn, New Mal Jn, Ondagram, Panagarh, Pandabeswar, Panskura Jn, Purulia Jn, Rampurhat Jn, Ranaghat, Sainthia Jn, Salboni, Samsi, Santragachi, Sealdah, Shalimar, Shantipur, Sheoraphuli Jn., Shrirampur, Siliguri Jn., Sitarampur, Siuri, Sonarpur Jn., Suisa, Tamluk, Tarakeswar, Tulin, Uluberia

Completed Stations:

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

State	No. of stations	Name of stations
West Bengal	13	Anara, Barabhum, Digha, Garbeta, Haldia, Haldibari, Jalpaiguri Road, Joychandi Pahar Junction, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kamakhyaguri, Panagarh, Siuri, Tamluk

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

- **Azimganj station: The works of new second entry station building, improvement of existing station building, entrance porch, improvement of circulating area, parking, waiting halls and**

improvement of platform surface have been completed. The work of platform shelter has been taken up.

- Berhampore Court station: The works of platform shelters at platform no. 1 & 2/3 and improvement of platform surface at platform no. 2/3 have been completed. The works of platform shelter at platform no. 4/5, improvement of platform surface at platform no. 1, booking counter and 6 m wide foot over bridge have been taken up.**
- Dhulian Ganga station: The works of improvement of circulating area, waiting halls, toilet, booking counter, signages and lifts have been completed. The works of extension of station building, 6 m wide foot over bridge and improvement of parking have been taken up.**
- Jangipur Road station: The works of improvement of waiting halls, toilet, booking counter, signages and lifts have been completed. The works of extension of station building and improvement of circulating area have been taken up.**
- Khagraghat Road station: The works of installation of signages and Train Indication Boards have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, improvement of circulating area, parking, waiting halls and entrance porch have been taken up.**
- New Farakka Junction station: The works of improvement of station building, waiting halls, toilet, entrance porch, signages and Train Indication Boards have been completed. The works of improvement of circulating area and parking 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. West Bengal is covered under the jurisdiction of four railway zones, namely Eastern Railway, Northeast Frontier Railway, South Eastern Railway and Metro Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 1,231 crore has been made for the financial year 2026-27, out of which an expenditure (up to June, 2026) of ₹ 471 crore has been incurred so far.

Level Crossings (LCs) :

As on 01.04.2026, Indian Railways has 15,689 Nos. of Manned Level Crossings (MLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG). Of these, 1,552 Nos. MLCs are situated in the State of West Bengal. Out of these MLCs, there are 119 Nos. of MLCs on Sealdah-Lalgola section. Further, 42 Nos. ROB/ RUB works in lieu of these MLCs have been sanctioned.

Level Crossings (LCs) are eliminated either by providing Road over Bridges/ Road under Bridges (ROBs/ RUBs) in lieu of LCs or through direct closure (for low traffic LCs) or by diversion of road traffic to nearby ROB/RUB/LC depending upon the site conditions.

ROBs & RUBs:

Sanctioning of works of Road over Bridge (ROB)/Road under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of Level crossings (LCs) is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Such works are prioritised and taken up on the basis of their impact on safety in train operations, mobility of trains & impact for road users and feasibility etc.

No. of ROBs/ RUBs constructed on Indian Railways during the period 2004-14 viz-a-viz 2014-26 (Upto May'26) is as under:

Period	ROBS/ RUBS constructed
2004-14	4,148 Nos.
2014-26 (Upto May'26)	14,451 (547 Nos. in the State of West Bengal)

As on 01.06.2026, 4,993 Nos. ROBs/RUBs works are sanctioned at a cost of approx. 1,17,492 Cr on Indian Railways which are at various stages of planning and execution.

Of these, 363 Nos. ROBs/ RUBs works at a cost of approx. ₹8,060 Cr are sanctioned in the state of West Bengal including 27 Nos. ROB/RUB works at a cost of approx. ₹428 Cr in Murshidabad district which are at various stages of planning and execution

The work for construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No. 111 at Km 168/7-11 (at Beldanga) has been sanctioned. The work for preparation of the detailed estimate has been taken up.

The work for construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No. 104 at Km 158/3-5 (at Rejinagar) has been sanctioned. The tender has been awarded and the work has been taken up.

Completion & commissioning of ROB/RUB works depends on various factors like cooperation of State Governments in giving consent for closure of LC, fixing of approach alignment, approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD), land acquisition, removal encroachment, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, law and order situation in the area of project / work sites, duration of working season in a year for the particular project / area due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the projects/works.

Further, Railways have taken following measures to expedite the progress of work:

- i. Joint survey with concerned State Govt./Road Owning Authority is done before finalizing the General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) to ensure smooth execution.**
- ii. Periodic meetings of Railway & State Government officials are done to resolve various issues related to ROB/RUB works.**
- iii. Standardization of superstructure and substructure drawings for various combinations of span, skewness and width of road on the Railway portion has been done to avoid delays during the design approval. This has been issued in the form of a compendium, which can be directly adopted for Road Over Bridge across Railway lines for expeditious planning.**
