

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2824  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026**

**MAILANI-NANPARA RAILWAY LINE**

**†2824. SHRI UTKARSH VERMA MADHUR:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Mailani-Nanpara railway section project which serves as a lifeline for this backward and border region has remained pending for several years due to objections raised by the Forest Department and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to find a time-bound solution or approve the alternate route in Coordination with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Railway proposes to provide any special funds for undertaking comprehensive safety audits of railway tracks and the reconstruction of bridges in this vulnerable railway section, keeping in view being a tarai region, railway tracks in the Lakhimpur and Palia area are vulnerable to soil subsidence during the monsoon?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c): Mailani and Nanpara are already connected through existing Metre Gauge (MG) railway line. The major portion of this MG route (approx.128 Km) is passing through wildlife/forest area, therefore Gauge Conversion of this section is not taken up. However, to establish a**

**seamless Broad Gauge connectivity, survey for Mailani-Bhira Kheri Gauge Conversion (16 Km), Bhira Kheri-Rai Bhoja New Line (120 Km), avoiding Dudhwa National Park & Rai Bhoja-Nanpara Gauge Conversion (13 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, forest officials and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines depend upon appraisals and approvals by various stakeholders.**

**Inspection and maintenance of tracks and bridges is accorded top priority in Indian Railways. There is a well-established system of inspection and maintenance of Railway tracks and bridges as prescribed in maintenance Manuals.**

**The Railway tracks in Mailani-Nanpara Metre Gauge section are also inspected and maintained in accordance with the prescribed provisions and are safe for running of trains at permitted speed. To upgrade the track structure in Mailani-Nanpara, Complete Track Renewal of around 109 Km has been sanctioned. Further, in order to provide additional waterway and strengthening of existing bridges, works amounting to ₹8.3 Cr. have been sanctioned for rebuilding of one arch bridge, provision of 6 new bridges and strengthening of guide bund of bridge no.97 in Mailani-Nanpara section.**

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