

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2960
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026**

HOWRAH–BARDHAMAN CHORD SECTION

2960. SMT. RACHNA BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chandanpur–Saktigarh fourth railway line project on the Howrah–Bardhaman Chord section has been sanctioned and if so, the details thereof including the present status of land acquisition and construction work thereon;**
- (b) the details of the total sanctioned cost of the project, the length of the proposed fourth line and the timeline fixed for completion;**
- (c) whether the Government has identified stations in Hooghly districts including Bandel, Boinchi, Memari and adjoining suburban sections for platform, signalling and passenger amenity works as part of the project; and**
- (d) the steps being taken to minimise disruption to daily suburban EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) services between Howrah and Hooghly during the execution of the projects?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): Chandanpur-Saktigarh 4th line project (43 Km) has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹ 750 crore. The project has been declared as Special Railway Project. Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALA) has been appointed. Land acquisition work has been taken up.

Completion of Railway project/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.

West Bengal:

Railway Budget:

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

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

Projects Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 63 projects (14 New Lines, 04 Gauge Conversion 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	Azimganj-Murshidabad new line (7 Km)	164
3	Bardhaman-Katwa Gauge Conversion (52 Km)	696
4	Ahmedpur-Katwa Gauge Conversion (52 Km)	440
5	Panskura Kharagpur Doubling (45 Km)	408
6	Lalgola – Jiaganj Doubling (23 Km)	124
7	Krishnanagar-Bethuadahari Doubling (28 Km)	152
8	Nabadwipdham-Patuli Doubling (22 Km)	170
9	Bethuadhahari-Plassey Doubling (23 km)	132
10	Ambikakalna-Nabadwipdham Doubling (23 km)	145
11	Nalhati-Sagardighi Doubling (26 km)	193
12	Tamluk Jn.- Basulya Sutahata Doubling (24 km)	245
13	Plassey- Jiaganj Doubling (54 km)	234
14	Azimganj-Manigram Doubling (21 km)	150
15	New Coochbehar-Gumanihat Doubling (29 km)	330
16	New Coochbehar-Samuktala Road Doubling (29 km)	445
17	Sainthia-Tarapith 3rd line (22 Km)	186
18	Ambari Falakata-New Maynaguri Doubling (38 km)	843
19	Bandel-Boinchi - 3rd line (31 km)	546
20	Boinchi-Shaktigarh 3rd line (26 km)	424
21	Bazar Sau-Azimganj Jn. Doubling (42 km)	343
22	Sagardighi- Malda Town Doubling (25 Km)	248

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
23	Kharagpur-Narayangarh 3rd line (24 km)	270
24	Monigram-Nimtita Doubling (24 Km)	713
25	Purulia-Kotshila Doubling (36 Km)	393

Ongoing Projects:

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

SN.	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-Bhadra 3rd line (153 Km)	3,425
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

SN.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
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

Passenger Amenities:

At Bainchi station located in West Bengal, facilities like platform shelter, waiting hall, drinking water arrangement, urinal, lavatory, seating arrangement, high level platform, foot over bridge, etc. are available. The work of improvement of foot over bridge has been completed in recent years. The works of improvement of waiting hall and raising of platform have been taken up.

At Memari station located in West Bengal, facilities like platform shelter, drinking water arrangement, urinal, lavatory, seating arrangement, high level platform, foot over bridge, etc. are available. The work of improvement of platform shelters has been completed in recent years. The works of improvement of circulating area, raising of platform and toilet have been taken up.

At Bandel Junction station located in West Bengal, facilities like platform shelter, drinking water arrangement, urinal, seating arrangement, high level platform, foot over bridge, etc. are available. The works of improvement of circulating area and amenities for Divyangjan have been completed in

recent years. The works of new station building at second entry and 6 m wide foot over bridge have been sanctioned. Further, master planning for redevelopment of Bandel Junction station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been taken up.

Master planning is an iterative process requiring optimization and the time frame for such optimization cannot be indicated at this stage.

Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

This 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 Ambika Kalna, Bandel Jn., Chandan Nagar, Dankuni, Sheoraphuli Jn., Shrirampur and Tarakeswar stations of Hooghly 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, Khagraghat Road,

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
		Kharagpur Jn, Kolkata, Krishnanagar City Jn, Kumedpur Jn, Madhukunda, Madhyamgram, Malda Court, Malda Town, Mecheda, Medinipur (Midnapore), Nabadwip 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 of West Bengal:

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:

Stations of Hooghly district in West Bengal:

- **Ambika Kalna station:** The structural works of new station building at second entry, improvement of platform surface and platform shelters have been completed. The works of new station building at main entry, new toilet block, 12 m wide foot over bridge and finishing works of station building at second entry have been taken up.
- **Chandan Nagar station:** The works of improvement of station building, booking counter, waiting hall, toilet, entrance porch, improvement of circulating area, parking, improvement of platform surface and platform shelters have been completed. The works of 6 m wide foot over bridge and amenities for Divyangjan have been taken up.
- **Dankuni station:** The works of new station building, entrance porch, waiting hall, toilet, booking counter, improvement of circulating area, parking, 6 m wide foot over bridge, improvement of platform surface and platform shelters have been completed. The work of amenities for Divyangjan have been taken up.
- **Sheoraphuli Junction station:** The structural works of new station building have been completed. The works of new station building, booking counter, waiting hall, toilet and improvement of circulating area have been taken up.
- **Tarakeswar station:** The work of improvement of platform surface has been completed. The works of improvement and extension of station building, entrance porch, pilgrim shed, improvement of waiting hall, toilet, booking counter and 12 m wide foot over bridge have been taken up.

Other stations of West Bengal:

- **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 including provision of passenger amenities 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.
