

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4124
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2026**

NEW RAILWAY LINES IN UTTAR PRADESH

4124. SHRI ANAND BHADAURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes for laying of new railway lines from Hardoi-Lakhimpur, Farrukhabad-Gola and Jharekhapur-Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh) in view of the problems being faced by residents of these areas in absence of railway connectivity;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is likely to ensure survey for above mentioned new railway lines on priority basis and start laying of these lines during the current year; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Hardoi and Lakhimpur are already connected through existing railway network via Balamau, Sitapur. Farrukhabad and Gola Gokarannath are already connected through existing railway network via Kasganj and Bareilly. Jharekapur and Bahraich are already connected through existing railway network via Burhwal and Gonda.

To improve connectivity in the surrounding area, Bahraich-Khalilabad New Line project (240 Km) 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
Khalilabad-Bansi (54 Km)	• 246.81 Ha. out of 254.44 Ha. land has been acquired. • 37.03L Cum. out of 61.71L Cum. earth work has been completed. • Section involves construction of 26 major bridges and 7 station buildings. • 27 out of 56 RUBs have been completed. • 4 ROBs have been planned.
Bansi-Ikauna (120 Km)	• 48.02 Ha. out of 568.22 Ha. land has been acquired.
Ikauna-Bahraich (66 Km)	• 274.17 Ha. out of 329.60 Ha. land has been acquired.

To provide direct connectivity, survey for Farrukhabad-Shahjahanpur-Gola Gokarannath New Line (151 Km) was carried out. However, the project has low traffic projections.

Also, to provide direct connectivity from Sitapur (approx. 20 Km from Jharekapur) to Bahraich, Final Location Survey (FLS) for Sitapur City-Bahraich New Line (99 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 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.

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

In last three years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and current financial year 2026-27, 78 surveys (13 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 63 Doubling) covering a total length of 3,860 Km has been sanctioned falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sanction of any railway project depends 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 operational requirements**
- **Socio-economic considerations**
- **Overall availability of funds**

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.**
