

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4058
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2026**

RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Government proposal to support the railway infrastructure in West Bengal;**
- (b) the details of new trains introduced/expanded/extended stations for the people of West Bengal during the last three years including the expansion of railway tracks and gauge conversion projects are taken/proposed during 2026-27; and**
- (c) the details of socio-economic proposal aimed at rehabilitating illegal occupants or encroachers living on railway land in the interest of the livelihoods of the people of West Bengal thereof?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c): 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)

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	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

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
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
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

SN.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
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
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.

Railway acquires land through concerned State/District Authorities. All the activities in connection with land acquisition like assessment of amount of

compensation to land losers etc. are under purview of the State Government. Compensation for land acquisition is made to the land losers by the Revenue Department of the State Government after demanding the same from Railways.

Coordination with State Government:

In order to strengthen coordination for expeditious implementation of railway connectivity projects across state, monitoring progress of such projects & facilitating coordinated resolution of implementation issues, a task force has been constituted under chairmanship of Chief Secretary, West Bengal by Govt of West Bengal.

Chingrighata Matter:

Further, temporary diversion of traffic at Chingrighata crossing for launching of viaduct segments for construction of Kolkata Metro was permitted by state government in May-26 after almost 1.5 years since the request made. The work of Chingrighata crossing has finally been completed in May-26.

During last three years (i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and current financial year 2026-27), total 56 Nos. of Surveys (11 New Line, 45 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal having a total length of 3,867 Km have been sanctioned.

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

Railway Infrastructure projects enable socio-economic development of the region including:

- **Better integration of the region with other parts of the country**
- **Faster movement of goods and services**
- **Improving logistics efficiency**
- **Enhance line capacity**
- **Increase in direct and indirect employment opportunities for the people of the region**
- **Reduces operational bottlenecks**
- **Development of tourism industry and increase in industrial activities in the region.**

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.**

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.

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 and 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, 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, 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.,

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
		Shrirampur, Siliguri Jn., Sitarampur, Siuri, Sonarpur Jn., Suisa, Tamluk, Tarakeswar, Tulin, Uluberia

Completed Stations located in 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 West Bengal:

- **Asansol Junction station:** The structural work of new station building block no. 4 of South Wing, building block no. 1, 2 and 3 of North Wing have been completed. The structural work of new station building block no. 3 of South Wing, extension of 6 m wide foot over bridge and air concourse have been taken up.
- **New Jalpaiguri Junction station:** The works of new station building at second entry, Rail Mail Service office building and structural work of new departure station building up to fourth floor have been

completed. The structural works of new arrival station building at main entry, structural work of fifth and sixth floor of new departure station building, podium parking, elevated road and air concourse have been taken up.

- Aluabari Road station: The works of extension of platform no. 2, improvement of platform surface at platform no. 1 and 2, circulating area, parking, approach road and boundary wall have been completed. The works of 12 m wide foot over bridge, new station building block and improvement of platform shelter have been taken up.**
- New Farakka Junction station: The works of improvement of station building, waiting halls, toilet, entrance porch, signages and installation of Train Indication Board have been completed. The works of improvement of circulating area and parking have been taken up.**
- Bardhaman station: The works of new station building at second entry, entrance porch, waiting hall, booking counter, toilet, improvement of platform surface and platform shelters have been completed. The works of 6 m wide foot over bridge and improvement of circulating area 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.

Train services in West Bengal:

As the Railway network straddles across state boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, Indian Railways(IR) constantly endeavours to improve connectivity for the travelling passengers and to this end, IR, during the period 01.04.2024 to 30.06.2026, have introduced 138 train services including 18 Amrit Bharat services and 08 Vande Bharat services (06 Chair Car & 02 Sleeper) which cater to the needs of various stations located in the State of West Bengal. These are listed below:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	27575 Howrah-Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express
2	27576 Kamakhya - Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express
3	20871 Howrah - Rourkela Vande Bharat Express
4	20872 Rourkela-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
5	22309 Howrah - Bhagalpur Vande Bharat Express
6	22310 Bhagalpur-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
7	22303 Howrah - Gaya Vande Bharat Express
8	22304 Gaya-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
9	20603 Nagercoil - New Jalpaiguri Amrit Bharat Express
10	20604 New Jalpaiguri-Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
11	20609 Tiruchchirappalli – New Jalpaiguri Amrit Bharat Express
12	20610 New Jalpaiguri -Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express
13	16107 Tambaram - Santragachi Amrit Bharat Express
14	16108 Santragachi -Tambaram Amrit Bharat Express
15	16597 SMVT Bengaluru - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
16	16598 Alipurduar -SMVT Bengaluru Amrit Bharat Express
17	17065 Charlapalli - Shalimar Amrit Bharat Express

18	17066 Shalimar - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
19	13435 Malda Town - Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
20	13436 Gomti Nagar- Malda Town Amrit Bharat Express
21	11031Panvel - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
22	11032 Alipurduar - Panvel Amrit Bharat Express
23	22587 Banaras - Sealdah Amrit Bharat Express
24	22588 Sealdah-Banaras Amrit Bharat Express
25	13065 Howrah - Anand Vihar(T) Amrit Bharat Express
26	13066 Anand Vihar (T) - Howrah Amrit Bharat Express
27	18041Shalimar - MGR Chennai Express
28	18042 MGR Chennai - Shalimar Express
29	14021 Purulia - Anand Vihar(T) Express
30	14022 Anand Vihar (T) – Purulia Express
31	16523 SMVT Bengaluru - Balurghat Express
32	16524 Balurghat-SMVT Bengaluru Express
33	16223 SMVT Bengaluru - Radhikapur Express
34	16224 Radhikapur – SMVT Bengaluru Express
35	15701 Katihar - Siliguri Express
36	15702 Siliguri – Katihar Express
37	13125 Kolkata - Sairang Express
38	13126 Sairang – Kolkata Express
39	18063 Santragachi - Yelahanka Express
40	18064 Yelahanka – Santragachi Express
41	18641 Hatia - Durg Express
42	18642 Durg – Hatia Express
43	15675 New Jalpaiguri - Guwahati Express
44	15676 Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri Express
45	18039 Shalimar - Puri Express

46	18040 Puri – Shalimar Express
47	18015 Shalimar - Bhanjpur Express
48	18016 Bhanjpur-Shalimar Express
49	18017 Bhanjpur - Puri Express
50	18018 Puri – Bhanjpur Express
51	13115 Sealdah - Jalpaiguri Road Express
52	13116 Jalpaiguri – Sealdah Express
53	13427 Sahibganj - Howrah Express
54	13428 Howrah – Sahibganj Express
55	14011 Anand Vihar(T) - Radhikapur Express
56	14012 Radhikapur – Anand Vihar (T) Express
57	58029 Santragachi - Digha Passenger
58	58030 Digha – Santragachi Passenger
59	58025 Santragachi - Digha Passenger
60	58026 Digha – Santragachi Express
61	53091 Azimganj - Krishnanagar Passenger
62	53092 Krishnanagar – Azimganj Passenger
63	55055 (63039) Katwa - Ahmadpur MEMU
64	55056 (63040) Ahmadpur – Katwa MEMU
65	63041 Azimganj - Cossimbazar MEMU
66	63042 Cossimbazar – Azimganj MEMU
67	68121 Purulia - Howrah MEMU
68	68122 Howrah – Purulia MEMU
69	63045 Azimganj - Cossimbazar MEMU
70	63046 Cossimbazar – Azimganj MEMU
71	63057 Azimganj - Cossimbazar MEMU
72	63058 Cossimbazar – Azimganj MEMU
73	63552 Asansol - Andal MEMU

74	63550 Anadal Jn- Barddhaman MEMU
75	63591 Asansol - Bokaro Steel City MEMU
76	63592 Bokaro Steel City – Asansol MEMU
77	63549 Barddhaman-Asansol MEMU
78	31728 Krishnanagar - Ranaghat EMU
79	34336 Ballygunge - Sonarpur EMU
80	34796 Sonarpur - Namkhana EMU
81	34795 Namkhana - Sealdah EMU
82	34556 Sealdah - Canning EMU
83	34371 Canning - Ballygunge EMU
84	34338 Ballygunge - Sonarpur EMU
85	33370 Bongaon - Barasat EMU
86	31635 Sealdah - Ranaghat EMU
87	31544 Shantipur - Sealdah EMU
88	34866 Sonarpur - Diamond Harbour EMU
89	34883 Diamond Harbour - Ballygunge EMU
90	31787 Ranaghat - Shantipur EMU
91	33893 Dumdum Cantt. - Bongaon EMU
92	33372 Bongaon - Barasat EMU
93	31343 Bidhanagar Road - Kalyani EMU
94	31340 Kalyani - Sealdah EMU
95	31777 Berhampore Court - Lalgola EMU
96	33328 Hasnabad - Barasat EMU
97	33329/33324 Barasat - Basirhat EMU
98	33471 Dumdum Cantt. - Barasat EMU
99	33472 Barasat – Dumdum Cantt. EMU
100	33891 Dumdum Cantt. - Bongaon EMU
101	37355 Howrah - Tarakeshwar EMU

102	37356 Tarakeshwar – Howrah EMU
103	33761 Ranaghat - Sealdah EMU
104	33762 Sealdah – Ranaghat EMU
105	31845 Sealdah - Krishnanagar City EMU
106	31846 Krishnanagar City – Sealdah EMU
107	33331/33326 Barasat - Hasnabad EMU
108	33326 Hasnabad – Barasat EMU
109	31637 / 31638 Sealdah-Ranaghat EMU
110	31638 Ranaghat – Sealdah EMU
111	52545 Siliguri - Bhagalpur MEMU
112	52546 Bhagalpur – Siliguri MEMU
113	35023 Barddhaman - Katwa EMU
114	35024 Katwa – Barddhaman EMU
115	35061 Katwa - Azimganj EMU
116	35062 Azimganj – Katwa EMU
117	35041 Katwa - Ahmadpur EMU
118	35042 Ahmadpur – Katwa EMU
119	31847 Sealdah - Krishnanagar City EMU
120	31848 Krishnanagar City – Sealdah EMU
121	31344 Sealdah - Kalyani EMU
122	31347 Kalyani – Sealdah EMU
123	31881 Krishnanagar City - Amghata Halt EMU
124	31882 Amghata Halt – Krishnanagar City EMU
125	31883 Krishnanagar City - Amghata Halt EMU
126	31884 Amghata Halt – Krishnanagar City EMU
127	31885 Krishnanagar City - Amghata Halt EMU
128	31886 Amghata Halt – Krishnanagar City EMU
129	31761 Ranaghat - Gede EMU

130	31762 Gede – Ranaghat EMU
131	31762 Gede – Ranaghat EMU
132	31764 Gede - Ranaghat EMU
133	37418 Seoraphuli - Tarakeswar EMU
134	37417 Tarakeswar – Seoraphuli EMU
135	31887 Krishnanagar City – Amghata Halt EMU
136	31888 Amghata Halt – Krishnanagar City EMU
137	31889 Krishnanagar City – Amghata Halt EMU
138	31890 Amghata Halt – Krishnanagar City EMU

Proposals/ requests/ suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal *inter alia* for introduction/extension/increase in frequency of trains are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. These proposals are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time, which is an on-going process.

Besides, introduction of new train services, extension/increase in frequency of the existing 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.**
