

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4040
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2026**

APPROVED RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

4040. SMT. MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway projects sanctioned by the Government for West Bengal during the last three months; and**
- (b) the details of the amount of fund release for current projects/new projects for West Bengal during the last three months?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): 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
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

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

SN.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
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

The following projects falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal, have been sanctioned in last three months:

SN.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Rampurhat Bypass (12 Km)	190
2	Thakurganj-Siliguri doubling (56 Km)	916
3	Nimpura-Midnapur 3rd line (15 Km)	439

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

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.

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.

ROBs/RUBs:

Sanctioning and execution 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 its 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 Nos. (547 Nos. in the State of West Bengal)

As on 01.06.2026, 4,993 Nos. ROB/ RUB works at an approximate cost of ₹ 1,17,492 Cr are sanctioned on Indian Railways including 363 Nos. ROB/RUB works at an approximate cost of ₹8,060 Cr are at various stages of planning and execution in the State of West Bengal. Total 09 Nos. of ROBs/RUBs have been completed in West Bengal during the year 2026-27 (Upto May'26).

During the last three months 15 Nos. ROB and 24 Nos. RUB works at an approximate cost of ₹1,460 Cr have been sanctioned in the State of West Bengal.

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 of 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. Therefore, it is not feasible to fix definite timelines for completion of ROB/RUB works.

As on 01.04.2026, 99 Nos. ROB/RUB Works were held up on account of State Govt. of West Bengal on account of non-finalisation of alignment, law & order issues etc. However, in the last two and a half months, lots of initiatives have been taken to resolve the long pending issues related to ROB/RUB works:

- (i) Govt. of West Bengal has constituted a task force headed by the chief secretary and senior officers from Govt. of West Bengal, local bodies and Railways which is proactively clearing the decision related to ROB/RUB works.**
- (ii) As a result, the joint site visits are being conducted at all the held up/ delayed works and action is being done to finalize the feasible alignment which is required before land acquisition is taken up. To facilitate the finalisation of alignment, Govt. of West Bengal/PWD has also issued a check list.**
- (iii) Further, Govt. of West Bengal has conveyed as in-principle approval to make available free of cost the Government land for ROB/RUB works.**

Due to the above mentioned proactive steps taken, till date, joint site visits have been conducted at all 99 locations and 26 Nos. ROB/RUB works have already been resolved.

Further, Railways have taken following measures to expedite the progress of ROB/RUB works:

- (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 drawings for various combinations of span, skewness and width of road on Railway portion has been done to avoid delays during the design approval. This has been issued in the form of compendium, which can be directly adopted for Road Over Bridge across Railway lines for expeditious planning.**

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, 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,

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
		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., 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
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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:

- **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.

- Barddhaman 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.

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.
