### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2384 ANSWERED ON 05.08.2022

#### RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AND PASSENGER FACILITIES

#### 2384 # SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total allocation of funds and expenditure done per year for the development of the infrastructure and passenger facilities in Bihar during 2017-22;
- (b) the railway stations proposed to be developed with world class facilities like that of airports under the East Central Railway (ECR);
- (c) the expenditure to be incurred on the redevelopment of the above mentioned stations and by when the tendering process will be completed; and
- (d) whether the tender to develop Gaya station has been issued, the details of the funds that would be spent and the details of the facilities that would be provided?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT** REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2384 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 05.08.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AND PASSENGER FACILITIES

(a): Railway Infrastructure projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/district-wise as Indian Railways' Project may span State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 52 Railway Infrastructure projects (32 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 16 doublings), costing ₹66,597 crore, covering total length of 5,004 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1,240 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹21,038 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

Projects in the State of Bihar are covered by East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), North Eastern Railway (NER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. The project-wise details including cost, expenditure and outlay are available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in> Ministry of Railways> Railway Board > About Indian Railways> Railway Board Directorates> Finance (Budget)> Pink Book (year)>Railways-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹3,061 crore per year from ₹1,132 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 170% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹4,093 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (262% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹4,489 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (297% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹5,560 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (391% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever Budget outlay of ₹6,606 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 484% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹1,132 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 1096 Km length (317 Km New Lines, 425 Km Gauge Conversion and 354 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar have been commissioned at an average rate 137 Km/year, which is 115% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year Km).

The details of allocation of funds and expenditure incurred for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not station-wise or state-wise. There are 04 zones, namely, Eastern Railway, Northeast Frontier Railway, North Eastern Railway and East Central Railway, which cater to the State of Bihar. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred

by the 04 Railways under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities', during 2017-22 (till June, 2022) is as under:-

(₹in crore)

Zonal Railway	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020- 21		2021- 22		2022-	
	Allo- cation	Expen d-iture		Expend -iture	Allo- cation	Expend -iture	Allo- cation	Expend -iture	Allo- cation	Expend- iture	Allo- cation	Expend- iture (Till June, 2022)
Eastern	85.21	50.73	116.67	57.84	112.84	115.25	182.14	158.96	151.16	145.21	173.98	14.18
Northeast Frontier	56.83	38.16	97.54	78.06	107.24	100.27	106.12	104.07	99.34	90.03	96.11	26.77
North Eastern	92.81	91.44	95.50	89.53	78.59	86.32	100.18	103.90	121.20	95.33	187.23	12.82
East Central	72.03	74.11	138.80	98.57	137.43	141.91	166.87	165.46	166.83	146.42	162.39	30.28

(b) to (d): Gaya and Muzaffarpur Railway Stations of East Central Railway (ECR) have been identified for development under "major upgradation" scheme at a sanctioned cost of ₹ 296.32 and ₹ 442.01 crores respectively. Tenders for both Gaya and Muzaffarpur Railway Station have been awarded.

The facilities envisaged in the major upgradation scheme of Railway Stations includes provision of roof plaza/concourse wherever feasible where passengers and other users can wait comfortably and enjoy superior and well designed amenities like lounges, recreation areas, waiting areas, seating arrangement, shopping areas, restaurants/cafeterias, tapped potable drinking water points, restrooms, WiFi, ATMs, medical facilities etc., integration with both sides of the city as far as possible along with segregation of Arrival and Departure, lift/ escalators/ travelators for a comfortable movement, drop off, pick up & parking facilities for passengers.

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