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REVIVAL AND EXPANSION OF DELHI'S LOCAL RAILWAY SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to revive and expand Delhi's local railway system to enhance connectivity with NCR, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of non-operational or underutilized railway stations in Delhi-NCR and whether there are plans for their renovation and reintegration into the network; and
- (c) whether any new routes or increased train frequency are being planned to improve commuter movement and ease congestion on metro and road networks?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/Union Territory/Region/District-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/Union Territory/District boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw forward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

As on 01.04.2024, 04 Projects (01 New line and 03 Doubling) of total length 302 km, costing Rs.4,778 crore, falling fully/partly in the UT of Delhi are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 04 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs. 354 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The status of the work is summarized as:

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned (Km)	Exp upto March 2024 (Rs. in cr.)
New Line	1	104	0	0
Doubling	3	198	4	354
TOTAL	4	302	4	354

In addition to above Delhi Kishanganj – Shakurbasti 3rd line project (7.24 Km) and chord line between Bishanpura Haryana to Jind city (5.21 Km) have also been sanctioned recently.

Recently both Eastern DFC and Western DFC passing through NCR have also been commissioned. They have provided seamless connectivity for faster movement of goods in NCR from both eastern as well as western parts of India.

Further, to improve regional connectivity in the National Capital Region, following works have been sanctioned:

S.No.	Name of Project	Length (Km)
1	Chipyana-Buzurg-Ghaziabad 4th Line	2.5
2	Palwal and New Prithala Doubling	4
3	Churu-Sadulpur and Luni-Samdari-Bhildi Doubling	330
4	Rewari-Khatuwas Doubling	28
5	Bhiwani-Dobh-Bahali Doubling	42
6	Manheru-Bawani Khera Doubling	31.5
7	Khatuwas - Narnaul Doubling	24.12
8	Y-connection at Garhi Harsaru to avoid reversal at Garshi Harsaru	2.5
9	Dayabasti-Grade separator	3
10	Anand Vihar-Tilak Bridge 3rd & 4th line	20
11	Chord line between Bishanpura Haryana- Jind City	5.21

To further improve connectivity, following surveys fully/partly in the National Capital Region have been sanctioned during last three years and current financial year (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and FY 2024-25):-

S.No.	Name of Survey	Length (in Kms)
1	Shakurbasti - Rohtak 3rd Line	60
2	Delhi-Ambala 3rd & 4th line	198
3	Garhi Harsaru-Farukhnagar Doubling	11
4	Rewari - Sadulpur Doubling	141
5	Narnaul - Phulera Doubling	164
6	Bhiwani - Hansi Doubling	37
7	Prithala to Palwal Doubling	9
8	Ringus -Sikar-Loharu Doubling	172
9	Bharatpur Jn.-Bayana Jn 3rd & 4th Line	92
10	Bayana Jn. - Gangapur City 3rd & 4th Line	78
11	Bharatpur-Jn.-Mathura Jn 3rd & 4th Line	34
12	Mathura-Alwar Doubling	123
13	Dadri-Daud Khan 4th Line	96
14	Ghaziabad-Moradabad 3rd & 4th Line	141
15	Elevated Rail Corridor from Delhi to Jaipur via Rewari	310
16	Meerut-Hastinapur-Bijnor New Line	66
17	Farukhnagar-Jhajjar New line	25
18	Bhiwani-Rohtak-Panipat-Ambala/Shambhu feeder route of WDFC	245
19	Palwal to Chola via Jewar New Line	70
20	Jhajjar-Charkhi Dadri-Loharu New Line	94
21	Dadri-Faridabad-Gurugram New Line	90

Station Redevelopment

Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations. So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which 13 stations are located in the state of Delhi. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Delhi are as following:

State	No. of Amrit Stations	Names of Amrit Stations
Delhi	13	Adarshnagar Delhi, Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Delhi, Delhi Cantt, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Shahadra, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Narela, New Delhi, Sabzi Mandi, Safdarjung, Tilak Bridge

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Delhi have been taken up at a good pace. For example,

- At Safdarjang station, following works have been taken up for execution:-
 - Construction of signal & telecom building has been completed and it has been made operational.
 - Structural works of station building have been completed and finishing works have been taken up.
 - Structural works of operational office building have been taken up.
 - Foundation work of air concourse has been completed and works of erection of columns and launching of girders have been taken up.
 - Construction of departure plaza canopy has been completed and improvement of circulation and approach road has been taken up.
 - Construction of sewage treatment plant has been completed.

- At Bijwasan station, following works have been taken up for execution:-
 - Structural work of station building has been completed, masonry work and finishing works have been taken up.
 - For construction of air concourse, works of foundations, columns, launching of girders and casting of deck slab have been taken up.
 - Works of construction of skywalk and retaining wall have been taken up.
 - Construction of new platform shelters has been taken up.
 - Structural work of electrical sub-station has been completed and trench laying has been taken up.
 - Work of construction of sewage treatment plant has been taken up.
 - Finishing works of subways have been taken up.

- At Tilak Bridge station, works of improvement of platform surfacing at platform no. 4 & 5, approach road and construction of temporary booking window have been completed and work of construction of new station building has been taken up.
- At Sabzi Mandi station, works of construction of new platforms with washable apron and coach watering facility, improvement of platform surfacing, widening of entry

road and shifting of Passenger Reservation System (PRS) to renovated building have been completed and works of construction of new station building, finishing works of toilet block, etc. have been taken up.

- At Narela station, works of improvement of platform surfacing, widening of platform no. 2, provision of additional platform shelters, shifting of booking window, finishing works of toilet block, etc. have been taken up.

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. It involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, platform surfacing and cover over platform, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

Development/upgradation/modernization 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 work-wise or station-wise or state-wise. The state of Delhi is covered under Northern Railway. For this zone, an allocation of Rs 1,531 Crores (Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2024-25 under Plan Head-53. Further, there are no non-operational stations in Delhi-NCR region.

Indian Railways constantly endeavors to improve connectivity and accordingly, introduces new trains including passenger services and also increases the frequency of existing services, which are on-going processes subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc.
