

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4179
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

ROB AT RANGAPANI LEVEL CROSSING

4179. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the proposal for the construction of a Railway Overbridge (ROB) at Rangapani Level Crossing (LC) in North Bengal;**
- (b) the details of the project including the funds allocated and the expected timeline for its completion; and**
- (c) whether there has been any delay in the construction of the ROB and if so, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): The work of construction of Road over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of Level Crossing (LC) No. NC-5 was sanctioned on cost sharing basis in 2016-17 with State Govt. of West Bengal. Due to no response/ unwillingness regarding sharing of cost by State Govt., this work has not progressed so far.

However keeping in view the persistence public demand & improving safety of the train operations and mobility of road users, it has now been decided to take up this work at railway's cost.

Sanctioning 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.

Nos. of ROBs/RUBs constructed on Indian Railways during the period 2004-14 vis a vis 2014-25 (Feb'25) is as under:

Period	ROBs/RUBs constructed
2004-14	4,148 Nos.
2014-25 (Feb'25)	12,977 Nos.

As on 01.02.2025, 4,344 Nos. ROBs/RUBs are sanctioned at the cost of ₹ 97,422 crore on Indian Railways including 236 Nos. of Road Over Bridge (ROB)/Road Under Bridge (RUB) works at cost of ₹ 5,778 crore in the state of West Bengal, which are at various stage of planning and execution. 89 Nos. works out of 236 Nos. have been delayed due to land acquisition, cost-sharing and consent for closure etc.

During 2014-25 (Feb'25), total 471 Nos. of ROBs/RUBs have been constructed 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.
