



Indian Railways Approves ₹976 Crore Multitracking Project Between Danapur and Fatuha in Bihar of East Central Railway

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In a major boost to rail capacity in Bihar, Indian Railways has approved multitracking of the 29 km Danapur to Fatuha section of East Central Railway at a cost of ₹976 crore. The project will decongest one of the busiest stretches on the Patna rail corridor and create room for a large increase in both passenger and freight services.

The sanctioned work covers three components. Third and fourth lines will be laid between Danapur and Patna. A third line will be laid between Rajendra Nagar and Patna Saheb. Third and fourth lines will be laid between Patna Saheb and Fatuha. The additional lines will ease congestion, minimise delays, and improve punctuality across the Patna region.

In the first year of operation, the project will allow 22 additional passenger trains and 18 additional freight trains every day. It will also enable handling of an additional 5.2 million tonnes per annum of freight traffic.

The project forms part of the quadrupling initiative on the Delhi, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction, Patna, Kiul, Bhagalpur, Khanna and Howrah route. This route is identified under the Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor of Indian Railways. The strengthened section is also vital for the upcoming 2120 MW thermal power plant at Chausa in Buxar district, which will depend on rail movement of bulk inputs.

The approval reaffirms the commitment of Indian Railways to expanding capacity on high density routes, strengthening logistics for energy and industry, and supporting the socio economic development of Bihar.

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