

With eye on polls, Cabinet to clear 240km of rly line in UP

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New Delhi: The cabinet is set to approve the 240 km railway line from Bahraich to Khalilabad on Wednesday, which will cost about Rs 5,000 crore. The fully electrified rail lines will pass through Balrampur and Sarawasti and will provide connectivity to three “aspirational districts” in Uttar Pradesh.

Sources said the demand for this railway line had been pending for decades. The rail network will also boost the pilgrimage in the region as the line will provide connectivity to three religious temples including a Jain and a Buddhist place of worship in this eastern part of UP.

Officials said the project would be fast tracked and would be built within the time line. This would also push employment opportunities when the long line will be constructed.

First trial run of engineless train in state



Hours after the Integral Coach Factory of Chennai announced trial run of the engineless Train-18, the Research Designs and Standards Organisation said it would be done in three phases over a period of 80 days. A train set will be released by the coach factory for trials next week. The first trial would be conducted between Bareilly-Moradabad section to achieve the normal speed of 115 kmph. In the second phase, the train would touch 180 kmph between Kota-Sawai Madhopur stretch and the final run would be between New Delhi-Bhopal via Agra.

The decision is also being seen as a big gift to the state that elects maximum number of MPs to the Lok Sabha

and it will also send a message of how the government is keen to uplift areas dominated by dalits.