

Brief Note on Electric Loco Shed, Saiyedpur Bhitri (ELS/SYH)

Electric Loco Shed, Saiyedpur Bhitri (ELS/SYH), located in the Varanasi (BSB) Division of North Eastern Railway, is a recently constructed traction maintenance facility developed to enhance freight locomotive availability in the region. Construction of the shed commenced on **08.06.2018** by RVNL, and upon completion it was formally handed over to **Sr. DEE/OP/BSB on 09.05.2022**.

The first locomotive, **WAG-9HC (33340)**, was allotted to ELS/SYH on **08.06.2022** on transfer from Electric Loco Shed, Gonda, marking the beginning of locomotive operations. During FY **2022–23**, a total of **15 nos. WAG-9HC locomotives** were allotted to the shed from ELS/Gonda. In FY **2023–24**, commissioning of newly allotted locomotives began at ELS/SYH, and on **19.04.2023**, the first loco commissioned by the shed was **WAG-9HC (43285)**, taking the holding to **37 locomotives** by the end of the year.

FY **2024–25** marked another milestone, with initiation of **TOH maintenance schedule** of locomotives at ELS/SYH, and **two TOH were successfully completed** in-house. By the end of the financial year, the total holding increased to **44 locomotives**. In FY **2025–26**, the shed has continued to show steady growth in both **loco holding and maintenance output**, further strengthening its technical footprint.

Currently, **ELS/SYH is homing 61 WAG-9HC electric locomotives** and is performing a full spectrum of maintenance activities, including **major, minor and schedule-based attention**. In addition to the homing fleet, the shed is also entrusted with carrying out **Trip Inspection (TI) of passenger locomotives**, as no dedicated TI facility is available yet within BSB Division.

With its rising fleet strength, expanding maintenance capability and growing operational responsibility, ELS/SYH is steadily evolving into a key traction support centre of North Eastern Railway, contributing significantly to the reliability and efficiency of locomotive operations.

