

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 20.08.2010
ANSWERED ON**

CONSTRUCTION OF DOUBLE TRACK RAILWAY IN ASSAM .

2995

Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government has received representations from various organizations regarding construction of double track railway in Assam and conversion of NBQ (New Bongaigaon) Workshop to a full-fledged 'Coach Cum Wagon Factory' ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government and the time by when the work of double track is likely to be started and completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2995 BY SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 20.08.2010 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF DOUBLE TRACK RAILWAY IN ASSAM

(a) to (c): Some representations have been received regarding doubling of railway track in Assam and also regarding conversion of New Bongaigaon Workshop to a Coach cum Wagon Factory. Double line already exists between Samuktala Road (near New Alipurduar) to New Bongaigaon. Beyond New Bongaigaon to Guwahati, there are two separate lines, one via Jogighopa and other via Rangia. A survey for doubling of Guwahati-Dibrugarh has been taken up. Meanwhile, patch doubling of New Guwahati-Digaru (30 km) has been taken up which is targeted for completion during 2010-11. The existing and planned facilities for Coach and Wagon manufacture, which also includes a new wagon factory planned at Guwahati, are adequate to meet the Railways requirement. Hence, there is, presently, no proposal to convert New Bongaigaon Workshop to a Coach cum Wagon manufacture factory.