

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 93**  
**ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023**

**NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR NER**

93 SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing projects in Assam and North Eastern Region (NER), State-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated for these projects during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the progress made so far on these projects?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 93 BY SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 10.02.2023 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR NER**

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise, as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, total 19 railway infrastructure projects of total length 1,909 km costing ₹77,930 crore, falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region including Assam are in different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 409 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹30,312 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. These include-

- (i) 14 New Line Projects covering total length of 1,181 km at a cost of ₹61,520 crore, out of which 361 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹27,458 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.
- (ii) 5 Doubling/Multitracking Projects covering total length of 728 km at a cost of ₹16,410 crore, out of which 48 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,854 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

The details of ongoing projects falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region including Assam along with the funds allocated for these projects during last three years and current year with present status are appended.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for infrastructure and safety work Projects and commensurate commissioning of Projects in Indian Railways. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the North Eastern Region, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹5,531 crore per year from ₹2,122 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 161% more than average annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹4,909 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (131% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹4,669 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (120% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹7,542 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (255% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever budget allocation of ₹9,970 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 370% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹2,122 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 1544 km sections (377 km of New Line, 972 km of Gauge Conversion and 195 km of Doubling), falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region have been commissioned at an average rate of 193 km per year, which is 190% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (66.6 km per year).

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**APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 93 BY SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 10.02.2023 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR NER**

S. No.	Name of Project with length (km)	Plan Head	Funds allocation (Budget Outlay) (₹ in crore)				Present Status
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
1	Jiribam-Imphal (111 km)	New Line	850	800	1000	1000	Jiribam-Vangaichingpao (12 km) and Vangaichungpao-Khongsang (43 km) sections have been commissioned. Work has been taken up in remaining length.
2	Dimapur (Dhansiri)-Zubza (Kohima) (82 km)	New Line	500	300	800	1000	Dhansiri-Sukhovi (16.5 km) has been commissioned. Work has been taken up on this project.
3	Bhairabi-Sairang (51 km)	New Line	750	475	1000	1005	Work on entire project has been taken up.
4	Sivok-Rangpo (44 km)	New Line	200	607	1100	2500	The project got delayed due to delay in forestry clearance for diversion of forest land in West Bengal. 83% of alignment in West Bengal passes through forest land. Working permission in forest area of West Bengal was received from Government of West Bengal in Feb, 2019. Agencies finalized for all 14 Tunnels (around 39 km) and major bridges (12) and work has been taken up.

5	Teteliya-Byrnihat (22 km)	New Line	125	100	100	100	Tetelia-Kamalajari (10 km) section has been completed and commissioned.  Work taken up in balance section in Assam State. Work in Meghalaya State is stopped due to law and order problem.
6	New Moynaguri-Jogighopa New Line with Gauge conversion of new Mal-Moynaguri Road and New Changrabanda-Changrabanda (285 km)	New Line	100	100	0.0001	52	New Moynaguri-Jogighopa new line has been commissioned.
7	New Bongaigaon - Agthori via Rangiya (143 km)	Doubling	50	200	650	1000	New Bongaigaon-Bijni (17.53 Km) section has been commissioned.  Work taken up in remaining section.
8	New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya via Goalpara (176 km)	Doubling	225	450	310	500	104 km doubling has been commissioned.  Azara-Kamakhya (13 km) involves shifting of alignment outside forest area. Work taken up in remaining section.

9	Murkongselek-Pasighat (27 km)	New Line	2	200	0.0001	100	Land acquisition of balance 128 hectare land has been taken up in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.
10	Agartala-Akhaura (5.46 km)	New Line	100	100	300	1 (PPP)	Entire land has been acquired. Works have been taken up on this project.
11	Saraighat Bridge (doubling) (7 km)	Doubling	0.1	1	5	16	The work has been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals.
12	Mahisasan (India) – Zero Point (Bangladesh) (2.7 km)	New Line	-	-	0.0001	25	The project has been sanctioned in 2020-21. Work has been taken up.
13	Lumding-Tinsukia Jn. Doubling (381 km)	Doubling	-	0.0001	5	1	The work has been included in Budget 2020-21 subject to requisite approvals.
14	Byrnihat-Shillong (108 km)	New Line	0.1	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	Khasi Hills Development Autonomous Council (KHDAC) has to issue NOC for land to be acquired. There is acute Law and Order problem created by Khasi Students Union (KSU). Final Location Survey (FLS) has not been allowed (by local people) to be conducted in around 5 km length. All activities including land acquisition are held up on this account.

15	Dimapur-Tizit (257 km)	New Line	0.1	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	The work has been included in Budget 2013-14 subject to requisite approvals.
16	Salona-Khumtai (99 km)	New Line	0.1	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	The work has been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals.
17	Sibsagar-Jorhat (62 km)	New Line	0.1	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	The work has been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals.
18	Tezpur-Silghat (25 km)	New Line	0.1	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	The work has been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals.
19	Kamakhya-New Guwahati Quadrupling (21 km)	Doubling	0.1	1	0.0001	0.0001	The work has been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals.

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