

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2848**  
**ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023**

**SETTING UP A RAILWAY LINE THROUGH KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK**

2848 SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve is one of the biggest animal habitat parks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan for setting up a railway line through the southern boundary of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve; and
- (d) the actual status of this project and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) along with the status of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) and Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Control on the same?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2848 BY SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 24.03.2023 REGARDING SETTING UP A RAILWAY LINE THROUGH KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK**

(a) and (b): Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, situated in Assam, is a UNESCO world Heritage site of India, having an area of 1173.58 sq. km. (core and buffer). The forests, wetlands and grasslands of Kaziranga Tiger Reserve are home to tigers, elephant and the world's largest population of Indian one-horned Rhinoceroses.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Salona - Khumtai (99 km) new Railway line through southern boundary of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve has been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite Government approvals. Preparation of Detailed Project Report for setting up this new Railway line has been taken up. The project is not sanctioned, as such, the proposals for clearance to National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) and Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) have not been taken up.

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