

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 301
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN NFR

301 SHRI MAHARAJA SANAJAOBA LEISHEMBA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have fixed a date for the completion of railways project from Jiribam to Imphal under Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR);
- (b) if so, the tentative date for the completion;
- (c) if not, the reasons for not fixing an expected date of completion;
- (d) whether Railways plan to earmark certain percentage of reservation for Manipuris in the appointment of railway staff for manning Silchar-Imphal sector; and
- (e) whether fast train like Vande Bharat can be operated in North Eastern region including Manipur?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 301 BY SHRI MAHARAJA SANAJAOBA LEISHEMBA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 03.02.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN NFR

(a) to (c): Jiribam - Imphal (111 km) new line project has been taken up for connecting Imphal with Indian Railways (IR) network. Cost of the project is ₹14,323 crore and expenditure of ₹12,371 crore has been incurred on the project upto 31.03.2022. An outlay of ₹1,000 crore has been provided for the financial year 2022-23. The section from Jiribam to Khongsang (55 km) has been commissioned and work has been taken up in remaining length.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project/s expeditiously.

(d): Indian Railways is an organization having pan India character. Candidates are free to apply to any Railway Recruiting Agencies (Railway Recruitment Boards/ Railway Recruitment Cells) throughout the country in response to the advertisement. All vacancies are to be given publicity on a national basis and all applicants irrespective of domicile are considered. No preference/relaxation is given to candidates belonging to any region as the same would be in violation of the Constitutional provisions regarding equality of opportunity to all in the matter of employment under Central Government.

(e): Indian Railways (IR) do not operate train services on Region-wise/State-wise basis as the railway network straddles across regional/State boundaries. However, introduction of train services including Vande Bharat Express train services is an ongoing process on IR subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification etc.
