

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

RAILWAY PROJECTS AND STATION DEVELOPMENT IN ASSAM

*147 SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ongoing railway projects in Assam, the length to be covered, cost, the details thereof;
- (b) the list of the projects, nature of the project, route, likely date of completion, reasons for delay of each project;
- (c) the average annual budget for Railways in Assam between 2020-23;
- (d) the list of stations selected for Amrit Bharat Scheme (ABS) in Assam and the proposed improvements; and
- (e) the stations where techno-economic feasibility studies are underway for redevelopment, the progress thereof?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 BY SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 15.12.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS AND STATION DEVELOPMENT IN ASSAM

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise or Region-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2023, 19 Railway infrastructure projects (14 New Line and 05 Doubling), of total length of 1,909 km costing ₹81,941 crore falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region including the State of Assam, are in planning/approval/construction stages.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways.

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region including the State of Assam is as under:-

Period	Budget Outlay	Comparison with average annual allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹2,122 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹10,269 crore	Nearly 5 times

Commissioning for Infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region including the State of Assam is as under:-

Year	New Line (Km)	Gauge Conversion (Km)	Doubling (Km)	Total (Km)	Average (Km/year)
2009-14	66	257	10	333	66.6
2014-23	377	972	269	1618	179.78 (which is 2.7 times more than the average commissioning during 2009-14)

Indian Railways has completed and commissioned important projects in Assam and North Eastern (NE) Region from 2014 onwards which include:

- Bogibeel Bridge with a linked lines (92 Km) which provided North-South rail connectivity across Brahmaputra and reduced distance by about 705 Km and
- New line project from New Maynaguri to Jogighopa (289 Km) was commissioned in Dec 2021.
- Entire Metre Gauge lines have been converted into Broad Gauge lines in NE Region and connected with BG Network of Indian Railways.
- Now Double Line is available up to Lumding in NE Region after completion and commissioning of Lumding– Hojai (45Km) doubling and Digaru – Hojai (102 Km) doubling.
- On both North and South bank of Brahmaputra river, double line work upto Guwahati has been taken up and significant progress has been achieved.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like 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. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s.

(d) and (e): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. So far, 1309 number of stations including 50 stations in the State of Assam have been identified for development under this scheme as per list given below:-

State	No. of Stations	Name of stations
Assam	50	Amguri, Arunachal, Chaparmukh, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Diphu, Duliajan, Fakiragram Jn., Gauripur, Gohpur, Golaghat, Gosaigaon Hat, Guwahati, Haibargaon, Harmuti, Hojai, Jagi Road, Jorhat Town, Kamakhya Jn., Kokrajhar, Lanka, Ledo, Lumding Jn., Majbat, Makum Jn., Margherita, Mariani Jn., Murkongselek, Naharkatiya, Nalbari, Namrup, Narangi, New Bongaigaon Jn., New Haflong, New Karimganj Jn., New Tinsukia Jn., North Lakhimpur, Pathshala, Rangapara North Jn., Rangiya Jn., Sarupathar, Sibsagar Town, Silapathar, Silchar, Simaluguri, Tangla, Tinsukia, Udalguri, Viswanath Chariali

The scheme involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity phasing and feasibility and creation of city centers at the station in the long term.
