

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION. No.657**

To be answered on

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**QUESTION**

**Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link**

**657. Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any data regarding the quantum of goods and passengers moved through the Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link since 2022, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the impact on small scale industries in Tripura and Assam after the opening of Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the upcoming rail, road and inland water transport infrastructure projects for the development of the North Eastern Region and its roadmap?

**ANSWER**

**The Minister of State of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**

**[ Shri B. L. Verma ]**

(a)to (c) A portion of the Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link between India and Bangladesh was inaugurated on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023 with the inaugural freight train run from Gangasagar (Bangladesh) to Nischintapur (India).

As per the Ministry of Railways, the Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise or Region-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. As on 01.04.2023, 19 railway infrastructure projects (14 new line and 05 Doubling), of total length of 1,909 km costing Rs.81,941 crore falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region, are in different stages of execution, out of which 482 km length has been commissioned.

As per the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, 377 road projects costing Rs.2,06,190.77 crore for a length of 8348.48 km are at different stages of execution in the North Eastern Region.

As per the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Inland Waterways, 04 projects costing Rs.1010 crore are in different stages of execution in North Eastern Region.

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