

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2512**  
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**DIRECT RAIL CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN DELHI AND TRIPURA**

2512 # SHRI RAJIB BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of direct trains from Delhi to Tripura, at present;
- (b) whether Government proposes to introduce more direct trains between Delhi and Tripura in the near future;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the proposed route, frequency and expected timeline for commencement; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to improve rail connectivity to Tripura and the North Eastern region?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Tripura got Broad Gauge connectivity to the rest of the country only after the completion of the Gauge Conversion project of Lumding – Silchar – Badarpur – Agartala section in the year 2016. This improved the connectivity of the stations located in the State of Tripura.

The electrification works of Guwahati - Badarpur- Agartala route has been taken up. Electrification work of Badarpur - Agartala has been completed while electrification work of Guwahati - Badarpur section is in advance stage. Once electrification work is completed, the connectivity of Tripura will improve and more trains can be introduced.

At present, Agartala, the Capital of Tripura, is connected to Delhi area by 02 pairs of train services, including 20501/20502 Anand Vihar (T) - Agratala Tejas Rajdhani Express. Moreover, Agartala is connected to Guwahati by 07 pairs of regular trains, from where 07 pairs of trains for Delhi area also available, which may be availed of by the passengers.

Besides, introduction of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, resource availability etc. However, as the Railway network straddles across State/regional boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries.

To improve connectivity of North East region, as on 01.04.2024, 18 Railway projects (13 New Line and 05 Doubling), of total length of 1,368 km costing ₹74,972 crore falling fully/partly in the North East Region are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹40,549 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include:-

<b>Plan Head</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Total Length (in Km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned (in Km)</b>	<b>Exp upto March 2024 (₹ in Cr.)</b>
New Lines	13	896	81	34,616
Doubling	5	472	232	5,933
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1368</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>40,549</b>

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the North East Region including the State of Tripura is given below:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>New Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Commissioning of new tracks</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	333 Km	66.6 Km/year
<b>2014-24</b>	1728 Km	172.8 Km/year (Nearly 3 times )

Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and other works, falling fully/ partly in North East Region including the State of Tripura, is as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	₹2,122 Crore/year
<b>2024-25</b>	₹10,376 Crore (Nearly 5 times)
<b>2025-26</b>	₹10,440 Crore (Nearly 5 times)

To improve connectivity of Tripura, one Final Location Survey of doubling between Chandranathpur and Agartala (244 km) has also been sanctioned.

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