

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 772**  
**ANSWERED ON 05.12.2025**

**RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ASSAM**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of railway projects sanctioned in the State of Assam during the last five years, along with details of projects specifically sanctioned for the Barak Valley region;
- (b) the current status of each of these projects, including those pertaining to new lines, gauge conversion, electrification, and doubling works;
- (c) the total funds sanctioned, released, and utilised so far under each of these projects;
- (d) the original and revised timelines fixed for their completion, along with reasons for delay, if any; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite completion of pending railway projects in the Barak Valley region, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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(a) to (e): Budget allocation during the last five years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region (NER) including the state of Assam is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹2,122 crore/year
2025-26	₹10,440 crore ( about 5 times)

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region (NER) including the state of Assam during 2009-14 and 2014-2025 is as under:-

Period	New track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	333 Km	66.6 Km/year
2014-25	1,840 Km	167.27 Km/year (about 2.5 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 12 Railway projects (08 New Lines, 04 Doubling), of a total length of 777 Km, costing ₹69,342 crore falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region (NER) including the state of Assam have been sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of sanctioned projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned upto Mar'25 (in Km)	Exp. upto Mar'25 (₹ in Cr.)
New Lines	08	448	113	38,078
Doubling/Multitracking	04	329	165	3,598
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>41,676</b>

Projects commissioned recently for improving connectivity of the Barak Valley region are as under:-

S.No.	Project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	Bairabi - Sairang new line (51.38 Km)	8,601
2	Katakhal - Bairabi gauge conversion (84 Km)	348

Projects commissioned falling fully/partly in North East Region including the state of Assam since 2014, are as under:

S.No.	Project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	Agartala - Sabroom new line (112 Km)	3,170

2	Agartala - Akhaura new line (5 Km)	865
3	Rangiya - Murkongselek gauge conversion (510 Km)	3,019
4	Kumarghat - Agartala gauge conversion (109 Km)	1,242
5	Lumding - Badarpur - Silchar & Badarpur - Kumarghat gauge conversion (412 Km)	6,500
6	Lumding - Hojai doubling (45 Km)	410
7	Digaru - Hojai doubling (102 Km)	1,873
8	New Bongaigaon - Agthori doubling (143 Km)	2,048
9	Bogibeel Bridge (92 Km)	5,820

Some of the main projects falling fully/partly in the North East Region including Assam which have been taken up are as under:-

S.No.	Name of the project	Cost (₹ In crore)
1	Jiribam - Imphal new line (111 Km)	21,886
2	Dimapur - Kohima new line (82 Km)	15,230
3	Murkongselek - Pasighat new line (27 Km)	1,249
4	New Bongaigaon - Goalpara - Guwahati (Kamakhya) doubling (176 Km)	4,962
5	Saraighat Bridge doubling (7 Km)	1,474
6	Kamkhya Guwahati 3 <sup>rd</sup> line (6 Km)	395
7	Lumding – Furkating doubling (140 Km)	2,124
8	Furkating – Tinsukia doubling (194 Km)	3,634

Further, during the last three years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the current financial year 2025-26, 17 surveys (13 New Line, and 4 Doubling) of total length 1,790 Km falling fully/ partly in North East Region including the projects in the State of Assam and Barak Valley Region, have been sanctioned.

After preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines depend upon appraisals and approvals by various stakeholders

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- Land acquisition by State Government
- Forest clearance
- Shifting of infringing utilities
- Statutory clearances from various authorities
- Geological and topographical conditions of area
- Law and order situation in the area of project site
- Number of working months in a year for particular project site etc.

Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include:

- Substantial increase in allocation of funds.
- Delegation of powers at field level.
- Close monitoring of progress of project at various levels.
- Regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.

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