

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 168
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

SURVEY TO CONNECT DARRANG DISTRICT

168. SHRI RAMEN DEKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has examined the survey already done to connect Darrang District;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c): For assessing viability of providing rail connectivity to Darrang District, a survey for new line from Changsari to Tezpur via Sipajhar, Mangaldoi, Kharupetia, Dalgaon, Sialmari, Basimari, Routa & Orang has been completed in 2013-14. As per survey report, the cost of 155 km line has been assessed as ₹2055 crore with a negative Rate of Return of 14.25%. Due to unremunerative nature, the project has been shelved.

However, a fresh survey for a new line from Rangiya to Dekargaon via Dumnichowki, Bezera, Sipajhar, Mangaldai, Kharupetia, Dalgaon & Orang (140 km) covering Darang district of Assam has been sanctioned on 13.10.2016 and taken up.
