

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4411
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2016**

GAUGE CONVERSION FROM LUMDING TO AGARTALA

4411. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the work of gauge conversion from Lumding to Agartala via Silchar in Assam;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated for the same in the current year and the expenditure incurred on the project so far; and**
- (c) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4411 BY SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2016 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION FROM LUMDING TO AGARTALA.

(a) to (c): Gauge Conversion of Lumding-Agartala via Badarpur-Kumarghat has been carried out as part of two projects as detailed below. Silchar does not fall on the route as Railway line for Silchar takes off from Badarpur on Lumding-Agartala route.

(i) Gauge Conversion work of Lumding-Badarpur-Silchar including Migrendisa-Dittockchera, Arunachal-Jiribam & Badarpur-Kumarghat and Material Modification for gauge conversion of Baraigram-Dulabchera, Karimganj-Maishashan & Karimganj bypass line (412 km) has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹6500 crore. An expenditure of ₹5995 crore has been incurred upto March, 2016 and an outlay of ₹500 crore has been provided in 2016-17.

Gauge Conversion of Lumding-Badarpur-Kumarghat and Badarpur-Silchar have been completed as part of this project in phases in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

(ii) Gauge Conversion work of Kumarghat-Agartala (109 km) has been taken up as part of new line work of the same name i.e. Kumarghat-Agartala new line. The latest anticipated cost of entire project is ₹1242 crore. An expenditure of ₹1192 crore has been incurred upto March, 2016 and an outlay of ₹150 crore has been provided in 2016-17.

This project has been completed and commissioned in 2015-16 by running freight train. Passenger train services have been started in 2016-17. An outlay of ₹150 crore has been provided in 2016-17 for some residual works of the project.