

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 89  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017**

**DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY NETWORK**

**\*89. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the growth recorded in the expansion of railway network, both metre and broad-gauge during the last three plan periods, plan-wise;**
- (b) whether the Railways have any proposal to develop the railway network in unserved areas including the electrification of lines in the North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Railways have estimated total funds required to execute such projects and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 89 BY SHRI RAMESWAR TELI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2017 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY NETWORK**

**(a) : The growth recorded in expansion of railway network in the last three plan periods including current five year plan(first four years achievements ) are given below:-**

<b>Plan Head</b>	<b>9th Plan (1997-2002)</b>	<b>10th Plan (2002- 2007)</b>	<b>11th Plan (2007-2012)</b>	<b>12th Plan (2012 -17) (first four years achievements)</b>
<b>New Line(Km)</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>2207</b>	<b>2143</b>
<b>Gauge Conversion (Km)</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>4289</b>	<b>5321</b>	<b>2931</b>
<b>Doubling (Km)</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1299</b>	<b>2758</b>	<b>3109</b>

**The above growth has been in broad gauge only. Meter gauge track is being progressively converted to broad gauge under gauge conversion.**

**(b) & (c): North Eastern Region is served by Northeast Frontier Railway consisting of 8 states i.e. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya and Sikkim. Indian Railways have laid great emphasis on improvement in Railway infrastructure in the North Eastern Region.**

**In last 2½ years, following major developments have taken place in North Eastern Region:**

- (i) Naharlagun which is 10 km short of Itanagar, by this the capital of Arunachal Pradesh, has been connected to the National Capital by a direct train.**
- (ii) With commissioning of Balipara-Bhalukpong line after gauge conversion, Arunachal Pradesh have been provided with second Broad Gauge connectivity.**

- (iii) Entire track on North Bank of Brahmaputra, running very close to Assam-Arunachal border, has been connected to Broad Gauge with commissioning of Rangiya-Murkongselek Broad Gauge line.**
- (iv) Meghalaya has been brought on railway map of the country with commissioning of Dudhnoi-Mendipathar railway line.**
- (v) With commissioning of Lumding-Silchar Broad Gauge line, the Barak Valley has been brought on Broad Gauge network of the country.**
- (vi) Agartala, the capital of Tripura has been brought on Broad Gauge network.**
- (vii) With commissioning of Gauge Conversion of Arunachal-Jiribam section, Manipur state has also been connected with Broad Gauge network.**
- (viii) With commissioning of Kathakal – Bhairabi Broad Gauge line, the State of Mizoram has come on Broad Gauge network.**
- (ix) Around 900 km of Metre Gauge has been converted into Broad Gauge.**
- (x) 29 new train services have been added in the North Eastern Region.**

**20 major railway projects consisting of 13 new lines, 2 gauge conversions and 5 doublings having aggregate length of 2624 km at a cost of ₹ 52030 crore have been taken up in North Eastern Region. An expenditure of ₹ 21336 crore has been incurred on these projects upto March, 2016. An outlay of ₹ 5040 crore has been provided for 2016-17 for these projects and residual liabilities of some completed projects. ₹ 5586 crore has been allotted for the works in North Eastern Region in Budget 2017-18. 3 New Lines having aggregate length of 186 km costing ₹ 9279 crore and 2 Doublings having aggregate length of 17.3 km costing ₹ 3944.32 crore and 18 surveys for New Lines have been included in Budget 2017-18.**

Out of 8 States of North Eastern Region, rail network connectivity now exists in 7 States. For, Sikkim, the new line project Sivok-Rangpo (44 km) has been sanctioned. The details of projects sanctioned for providing connectivity to capital cities of North Eastern States are as under:-

S.No.	Name of Project	State covered	Estimated Cost (in ₹ crore)
1.	New BG Line from Jiribam-Imphal (110.625 Km) (National Project)	Manipur	9658
2.	New BG line from Bhairabi to Sairang (51.38 Km) (National Project)	Mizoram	4600
3.	New BG line from Sivok to Rangpo (44.96 Km) (National Project)	West Bengal & Sikkim	4085
4.	New line from Dimapur to Zubza (88 Km) Now Dhansiri- Sukhobi- Zubza (91.75 Km) (National Project)	Nagaland	3000
5a	New BG Line from Tetelia-Byrnihat as an alternative alignment to Azara-Byrnihat new line (21.50 Km.) (National Project)	Assam & Meghalaya	780
5b	New BG Line from Byrnihat-Shillong (108.4 Km) (National Project)	Meghalaya	6000

Following electrification projects in North Eastern States have been included in Budget 2017-18 :-

S.NO.	Name of Project	Route Kms	Anticipated Cost ( ₹ crores)
1	Guwahati-Dibrugarh via Tinsukia and Simalguri-Dibrugarh	656	890.36
2	New Bongaigaon-Agthori via Rangiya	143	137.9
3	New Bongaigaon-Goalpara-Kamakhiya	175	282.23
	<b>Total</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>1310.49</b>