

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 945
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ASSAM

945. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the ongoing railway projects, which were announced in the past in the State of Assam;**
- (b) whether some projects of gauge conversion are pending for the last many years in the State; and**
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for early completion of all pending projects of Assam?**

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. 945 BY SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2017 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ASSAM

(a): 9 works consisting of 3 New Line, 2 Gauge Conversion and 4 Doublings falling partly or fully in the State of Assam having aggregate length of 1694 km have been taken up at a cost of ₹21119 crore. An expenditure of ₹13749 crore has been incurred on these projects upto March, 2016 and an outlay of ₹1728 crore has been provided for 2016-17 for these projects. Details of these projects are as under:

(₹ in crore)

S. No	Name of Project and Length (km)	Year of sanction	Anticipated Cost	Expenditure upto March' 2016	Outlay 2016-17	Present Status
New Line						
1	Bogibeel bridge with linking lines between Dibrugarh and North Bank line (73 km)	1997-98	4996	4129	598	All the 42 well foundations and piers have been completed. 30 out of 41 girders have been launched. Works of both North and South guide bunds, 44 km long rail link from Chaukhowa to Moranhat, 14 km long North bank rail link and 8 km long South bank rail link have also been completed.
2	New Moynaguri-Jogighopa New Line with Gauge conversion of new Mal-Moynaguri Road and New Changrabanda-Changrabanda (289 km)	2000-01	2531	2226	250	New Coochbehar-Golakganj (59 km), New Mal Jn.-Changrabandha, New Changrabandha-New Coochbehar (132 km) commissioned. Y-connection (Maynaguri Road-Jalpaiguri Road-New Domohini) (6.50 km) completed and train service started in June, 2016. Gauripur-Abhyapuri

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						Gauripur-Alamganj (12 km) work is at advanced stage of completion and in balance length earthwork, bridge work has been taken up. On balance length, forestry and wild life clearances are awaited.
3	Teteliya-Byrnihat (22 km)	2006-07	496	325	160	Earthwork, bridges and tunnels works taken up. Issue of Diversion of forest land in 4 km length has been taken up with the State Government.
Gauge Conversion						
1	Lumding-Badarpur-Silchar including Migrendisa-Dittockchera, Arunachal-Jiribam & Badarpur-Kumarghat & Material Modification for gauge conversion of Baraigram-Dulabchera, Karimganj-Maishashan & Karimganj bypass line (412 km)	1996-97	6500	5995	500	Project completed and commissioned except Baraigram-Dullabcherra and Bypass (31 km) section which is at advanced stage of completion.
2	New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongigaon with Branch lines & material modification for	1998-99	1566	1073	10	Main gauge conversion project has been completed and commissioned. Chalsa-Naxalbari (16 km): land acquisition has been taken

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	Chalsa-Naxalbari new line & Rajabhatkhowa-Jainti new line (433 km)					up. In Rajbhatkhowa-Jainti (15 km) section, forestry clearance has been refused.
Doubling						
1	Lumding-Hojai (45 km)	2012-13	364	1	110	Tenders for Earthwork and bridge works have been invited.
2	New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya via Rangiya (142 km)	2013-14	1888	0.0001	30	New work included in 2013-14 at an anticipated cost of ₹1798 crore. Expenditure can be incurred after obtaining requisite Government approvals.
3	Bongaigaon-Goalpara-Guwahati (176 km)	2015-16	1832	-	40	Government approvals received in September, 2016. Project is at initial stage.
4	Digaru-Hojai (102 km)	2015-16	946	-	30	Government approvals received in January, 2016. Project is at initial stage.

(b) & (c): All gauge conversion projects in N.F. Railway including Assam have been completed except Baraigram-Dullabcherra and Bypass (31 km) section which is at advanced stage of completion.

For faster execution of these pending projects, allocation of funds have been enhanced in the past 3 budgets and regular co-ordination meetings are held with State Governments and other ministries of Government of India to expedite approvals and to remove impediments for these projects.
