

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 899  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

**LUMDING - SILCHAR RAIL LINE**

**899. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:**

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

- (a) whether any safety surveys have been conducted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) on the Lumding-Silchar broad gauge railway line in Assam during the past three years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to comply with the recommendations made by the CRS and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there were any derailments and railway line shut downs on the Lumding-Silchar line in the past three years and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether Railways has taken any steps to overcome such derailments and line shut down and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a): Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) has carried out inspection of Lumding-Silchar section during 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 and again on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2015.**

**(b): On recommendations of CRS, an expert team of four Executive Directors of RDSO, Lucknow (a research wing of Railways) has carried out**

**safety inspection of the section on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 and measures suggested by them have been adopted. A monitoring mechanism has been introduced to ensure satisfactory working.**

**(c): The section was opened for goods traffic in March, 2015 and for passenger traffic in November, 2015. There have been two derailments in the section in 2016 and none in 2017.**

**(d): Railways has set up monitoring mechanism in place and also engaged specialists to tackle geological issues of the hill section.**

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