

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5358
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN NORTH EAST STATES

5358. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether completion of various ongoing railway projects in North East states specially in Assam is getting delayed resulting in huge cost overrun;**
- (b) if so, the details of such projects and the reasons for the delay in their execution, State-wise;**
- (c) the details of funds estimated and spent so far on such projects; and**
- (d) the steps taken to expedite the works of these projects?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5358 BY SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.03.2018 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN NORTH EAST STATES

(a) to (c): 21 Railway projects consisting of 15 New Lines and 6 Doublings have been taken up in North Eastern Region including Assam which are at various stages of execution. Details of these projects are as under:

(₹ in crore)						
S. No.	Project	Year of sanction	Length (in km)	Latest Anticipated Cost	Expenditure upto March' 2017	Revised Outlay for 2017-18
New Line						
1	Bogibeel bridge with linking lines between Dibrugarh and North Bank line	1997-98	73	5372	4572	445
2	New Moynaguri-Jogighopa New Line with Gauge conversion of new Mal-Moynaguri Road and New Changrabanda-Changrabanda	2000-01	289	3290	2528	250
3	Jiribam-Imphal	2003-04	125	9658	5278	837
4	Dimapur-Kohima	2006-07	88	3000	237	100
5	Agartala-Sabroom	2008-09	110	3451	1592	375
6	Teteliya-Byrnihat	2006-07	22	780	372	85
7	Bhairabi-Sairang	2008-09	51	4600	1282	675
8	Sivok-Rangpo	2008-09	44	4085	536	10
9	Byrnihat-Shillong	2010-11	108	6000	23	20
10	Murkongselek-Pasighat	2011-12	31	450	209	10
11	Agartala (India) – Akhaura (Bangladesh)	2012-13	13	968	210	-
12	Dimapur-Tizit*	2013-14	257	4274	-	1
13	Salona-Khumtai*	2017-18	99	5958	-	0.10

S. No.	Project	Year of sanction	Length (in km)	Latest Anticipated Cost	Expenditure upto March' 2017	Revised Outlay for 2017-18
14	Sibsagar-Jorhat*	2017-18	62	1296	-	0.10
15	Tezpur-Silghat*	2017-18	25	2025	-	0.10
Doubling						
1	Lumding-Hojai	2012-13	45	398	99	127
2	New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya via Rangiya*	2013-14	142	1798	-	0.10
3	Bongaigaon-Goalpara-Guwahati	2015-16	176	2232	40	125
4	Digaru-Hojai	2015-16	102	871	30	45
5	Saraighat Bridge (doubling)*	2017-18	7	888	-	0.10
6	Kamakhya-New Guwahati Quadrupling*	2017-18	10	3062	-	0.10

***Project included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals.**

Projects in North Eastern Region have traditionally suffered on account of law and order, difficult geological conditions, less working seasons owing to prolonged rainy season, delay in land acquisition, forestry and wild life clearances etc. resulting in delay and cost overruns.

(d): For faster execution of the 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. Field units have also been empowered for faster decision making.
