

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5157
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

CONNECTIVITY TO DARANG

†5157. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Darang district in Assam is still totally cut off in the absence of railway network;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard so that this region could be connected with railway network;**
- (d) if so, whether any time-limit has been fixed for this purpose; and**
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5157 BY SHRI DILIP SAIKIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2019 REGARDING CONNECTIVITY TO DARANG

(a) to (e): New line projects are not sanctioned district-wise or State-wise. Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds. Though there is no existing railway line in Darang district of Assam but Goreswar Railway Station in Baksa district is only 6 km away from the Darang district.

Moreover, survey for a new line from Rangiya to Dekargaon via Bezera, Dumnichowki, Sipajhar, Mangaldoi, Kharupetia, Dalgaon, Orang (140 km) in Darang district of Assam was sanctioned in 2016-17. Survey has been taken up. Final view will be taken after receipt and complete examination of survey report.
