

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

TOY TRAIN IN NORTH EAST

5161. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to start Tourist Toy train in North East (NE) in the near future;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the details of proposed targets and respective achievements of rail projects especially in the North East region?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) to (c) Toy trains (Miniature trains) have been provided to Governments of Tripura, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh and these are already working at Agartala, Manipur science centre Imphal and Lohit respectively. Requests from Governments of Assam, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh (for one more at Dist. Tawang) have been accepted. Arrangements have been made for supply one toy train each to these three States.

(d) The details of railway projects for the entire country and for the North Eastern Region are as under:

20 projects out of total 491 New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects (approximately 48,860 km, costing ₹6.5 lakh crores) of the country pertain to North Eastern Region (Approximate total length of 1,783 km, costing ₹68,401 crore). These are at different stages of planning / approval / execution.

Commissioning of railway projects involves land acquisition by State Governments, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearance from various authorities, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, order of Hon'ble Courts etc. Annual targets and achievement are affected by these factors.

Major achievements in N.E. Region during last 5 years are:

- **The entire rail network of NE region has been converted to broad-gauge.**
- **Harmuti-Naharlagun new line (21.75 km), a capital connectivity project for Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar) was commissioned on 20.02.2015. (Naharlagun is 10 km from Itanagar).**
- **FIRST passenger train on Lumding – Silchar newly converted gauge conversion BG section was flagged off on 21.11.2015. Barak Valley of Assam has been connected to major cities of the country through BG connectivity.**
- **Jiribam, the FIRST Railway Station in Manipur was connected by BG rail line and first freight train was received on 20.02.2016. FIRST Passenger Train service to Jiribam in Manipur was flagged off by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 27.05.2016.**
- **Bhairabi, The FIRST Railway Station in Mizoram was connected by BG rail line and first freight train was received on 21.03.2016. The FIRST Passenger Train service to Bhairabi in Mizoram was flagged off by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 27.05.2016.**
- **Towards its mission to provide Broad Gauge connectivity to capital cities of all States of the NE region, the Metre Gauge track to Agartala, the capital of Tripura, has been converted into Broad Gauge on 02.05.2016. The FIRST long distance Train (Tripura Sundari Express) was introduced between Agartala and Delhi on 31.07.2016.**
- **Bogibeel Rail-cum-Road Bridge was commissioned on 25.12.2018. The 4.94 Kms long Bridge over Brahmaputra river has considerably reduced the travel time and distance (704 km) between Naharlagun (Itanagar) and Dibrugarh.**