

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 463
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

NEW RAILWAY LINES IN ASSAM

***463. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of surveys conducted for laying of new railway lines in the State of Assam during the last three years, district-wise;**
- (b) whether the Railways has set a target to link all the States of the North Eastern Region (NER) with broad gauge railway lines;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the deadline fixed in this regard;**
- (d) the number of States for which approval has been accorded to provide such linkages and the number of States in which works have been started so far; and**
- (e) the amount of funds likely to be incurred for the development of the proposed rail network in the NER along with its present status?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 463 BY SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN ASSAM

(a) to (e): Survey for construction of railway line is taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise or District-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State/District boundaries. Total 11 new line surveys of length 1251 km falling fully/partly in the State of Assam have been completed during the Financial Years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022- 23 of which details are appended.

All North Eastern States except Sikkim i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura are connected with Broad Gauge network of Indian Railways. For connectivity of Sikkim, Railway has taken up Sivok-Rangpo new line (44.39 km) project. Cost of the project is ₹ 8043 crore. Work on the project has been taken up. So far, an expenditure of ₹ 4868 crore has been incurred. Budget outlay of ₹ 2500 crore has been provided for the project for Financial Year 2022-23.

Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not Region-wise/State-wise/District-wise, as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 19 Railway infrastructure projects covering total length of 1,909 km at a cost of ₹ 77,930 crore, falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 409 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 30,312 crore incurred upto March, 2022. These include-

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- (i) **14 New Line Projects covering total length of 1,181 km at a cost of ₹ 61,520 crore, out of which 361 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 27,458 crore incurred upto March, 2022.**
- (ii) **5 Doubling Projects covering total length of 728 km at a cost of ₹ 16,410 crore, out of which 48 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 2,854 crore incurred upto March, 2022.**

Railway projects falling fully/ partly in North Eastern States are covered in Northeast Frontier Railway Zone. Details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in >Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance (Budget) >Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year)> Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project/s expeditiously.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allotment and commensurate commissioning of infrastructure projects. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the North Eastern Region, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹ 5,531 crore per year from ₹ 2,122 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 161% more than average annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. Annual Budget allocations for these projects have been increased to ₹ 7,542 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (255% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹ 9,970 crore in Financial Year 2022-23, (370% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2023-24, highest ever budget allocation of ₹ 10,269 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 384% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹ 2,122 crore per year).

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 463 BY SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN ASSAM

Details of total 11 new line surveys of length 1251 km falling fully/partly in the State of Assam completed during the Financial Years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022- 23:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Length (km)	Year of completion
1	Pasighat-Tezu-Parshuramkund-Rupai (Strategic Railway Line)	218	2019-20
2	Dhalaibil-Itakhola-Seijosa	22	2020-21
3	Chaparmukh-Jowai via Dalimbari, Bhokchung, Rajagaon, Baithalangso, Dongkamukam, Jengkha, Kheroni and Umrangso	156	2020-21
4	Kharsang-Deban via New Khamlang and Nampong	72	2021-22
5	Gogamukh-Dhakuakhana-Kamalabari-Garmur-Jorhat	86	2021-22
6	Naharkatia-Deomali	21	2021-22
7	Dangri-Roing	59	2021-22
8	Rangiya-Dekargaon via Bezera, Dumnichowki, Sipajhar, Mangaldoi, Kharupetia, Dalgaon, Orang	142	2021-22
9	Extension of Dharmanagar-Pencharthal survey upto Belonia via Kamalpur-Khowai-Agartala	178	2022-23
10	Misamari (Bhalukpong)- Tawang via Tenga (Strategic Railway Line)	201	2022-23
11	Silapathar-Bame-Along (Strategic Railway Line)	96	2022-23
