

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1137  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023  
NATIONAL RAIL PLAN IN ASSAM**

**1137. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:**

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

- (a) the salient features of the National Rail Plan in Assam;**
- (b) the details of the number of districts likely to be covered under this plan within Assam;**
- (c) whether the Government has issued any funds for this plan within Assam so far;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) the details of the target set under this plan;**
- (f) whether the Government is aware that there is an urgent public demand for construction of new Railway line from Panisagar (Tripura) to Aynakhal (Monacherra Assam via Dullabcherra, Ramkrishna Nagar) to connect from Agartala to Bhairabi of Mizoram State through 40 Km shorter route;**
- (g) whether the Government is likely to be consider to include the proposal of constructing this new line under National Rail Plan; and**
- (h) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (h) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1137 BY SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING NATIONAL RAIL PLAN IN ASSAM**

**(a) to (h) Indian Railways have prepared the National Rail Plan (NRP) to create a 'future ready' Railway system for India. It aims to formulate strategies based on both operational capacities and commercial policy initiatives to increase share of the Railways in freight transportation. The objective of the Plan is to create capacity ahead of demand, which in turn would also cater to the future growth in demand upto 2050.**

**The NRP is for the entire Indian Railways network and not only for districts connected to the existing rail network but also districts indirectly impacted by rail transportation. In effect virtually all the districts of the country get linked including the districts of Assam.**

**The main features of the National Rail Plan are:-**

- Strategies based on both operational capacities and commercial policy initiatives to increase modal share of the Railways in freight to 40-45% and sustain it.**
- Estimation of Rail freight share, demand forecast, Rail Network demand, capacity utilisation and identification of bottleneck sections.**
- Identification of future Dedicated Freight Corridors, High Speed Rail Corridors, High Density Networks and Highly utilised Networks.**
- Reduction in transit time of freight substantially by increasing average speed of freight trains.**
- As part of the National Rail Plan, certain critical and important projects such as 100% electrification, multi-tracking of congested routes, upgradation of speed to 160 kmph on Delhi-Howrah and Delhi-Mumbai routes, upgradation of speed to 130 kmph on all other Golden Quadrilateral-Golden**

**Diagonal (GQ/GD) routes and elimination of all Level Crossings on all GQ/GD route etc. have been taken up on priority.**

- **Assessment of rolling stock requirements for passenger traffic as well as wagon requirements for freight.**
- **Assessment of Locomotive requirements to meet twin objectives of 100% electrification (Green Energy) and increasing freight modal share.**
- **Assessment of the total investment in capital that would be required along with a periodical break up.**

**Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise, they are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise as projects may span across the State boundaries. Railway projects falling full/partly in the State of Assam are served by Northeast Frontier Railway. As on 01.04.2023, 13 projects (08 New Line and 05 Doubling) costing ₹39,584 crore for 1,331 km length falling fully/ partly in Assam are in planning/ approval/ construction stage, out of which 420 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹12163 crore has been incurred upto March 2023. For these projects, an outlay of ₹2800 crore has been provided for year 2023-24.**

**Projects over Indian Railways are sanctioned based on operational requirement, technical feasibility, commercial viability and resource availability. Panisagar, Monacherra and Dullabcherra are existing stations on Indian Rail Network. Presently, the priority is early completion of Bhairabi-Sairang new line (51 km) project to provide capital connectivity to State of Mizoram.**

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