

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2190
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ASSAM

2190. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing railway projects in Assam, project-wise;**
- (b) the total budgetary allocation for development of Railways in the State for the present financial year and the details of amount released and utilised so far;**
- (c) the total number of rail over bridges proposed and under construction as on date;**
- (d) the number of unmanned railway crossings in the State particularly in the districts of Barpeta and Bongaigaon;**
- (e) whether the Government is considering flyovers or under passes at such locations;**
- (f) if not, whether the Government considers to convert them to manned crossings;**
- (g) whether 100% facility installation at LHB Coach Refurbishing facility at Bongaigaon has been completed; and**
- (h) if so, whether it is working in full capacity, if not, the current capacity utilisation in this regard?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2190 BY SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2023 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ASSAM

(a) and (b): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not Region-wise or State-wise, as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2023, 19 Railway infrastructure projects (14 New Line and 05 Doubling) covering total length of 1,909 km at a cost of ₹ 81,941 crore, falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region including Assam are in planning/ approval/ construction stage, out of which 482 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 37,713 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023. These include-

- (i) 14 New Line Projects covering total length of 1,181 km at a cost of ₹ 66,417 crore, out of which 361 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 33,333 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.**
- (ii) 5 Doubling Projects covering total length of 728 km at a cost of ₹ 15,524 crore, out of which 121 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,380 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.**

Railway projects falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region including Assam 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.

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Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the North Eastern Region including Assam, 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).

During 2014-23, 1618 km sections (377 km New Line, 972 km Gauge Conversion and 269 km Doubling), falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region including Assam have been commissioned at an average rate of 179.78 km per year, which is 170% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (66.6 km per year).

(c): As on 30.06.2023, total 1728 Road Over Bridges are sanctioned on Indian Railway network.

(d) to (f): There is no unmanned railway crossings on running Broad Gauge lines in the State of Assam.

(g) and (h): Yes, Sir. It is working in full capacity.
