

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 628
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION

**†628. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:
SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway projects implemented in the North-Eastern Region during the past decade;**
- (b) the details of the allocated funds/budget for the said railway projects implemented in the North- Eastern Region; and**
- (c) the extent of impact railway projects that are likely to make on promoting the economy of the North-Eastern States?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 628 BY SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT AND SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ) TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise or Region-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. The following 08 railway projects falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region have been commissioned since 2014:

S. No.	Name of Project	Length (km)
1	Bogibeel Bridge with linked line new line	92
2	Agartala–Sabroom new line	112
3	Rangiya-Murkongselek along with linked fingers gauge conversion	510
4	Kumarghat-Agartala gauge conversion	109
5	Katakhal-Bhairabi gauge conversion	84
6	Lumding-Badarpur-Silchar & Badarpur-Kumarghat including linked fingers gauge conversion	412
7	Lumding - Hojai doubling	45
8	Digarua – Hojai doubling	102
	Total	1466

In addition, as on 01.04.2023, 19 Railway infrastructure projects (14 New Line and 05 Doubling), of total length of 1,909 km costing ₹81,941 crore falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region, are in planning/ approval/construction stages, 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 of total length of 1,181 km costing ₹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) 05 Doubling projects of total length of 728 km costing ₹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.**

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Railway projects falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region are covered under 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.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region is as under:-

Period	Budget Outlay	Percentage change as compared to average annual allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹2122 crore/year	-
2014-23	₹6083 crore/year	187% more
2023-24	₹10269 crore	384% more

During 2014-23, 1,618 km sections (377 km New Line, 972 km Gauge Conversion and 269 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region 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).

Benefits of Railway projects in the North East Region include integration of people of North-East with the mainstream of the country, faster movement of the essential goods and agriculture products, increase in employment opportunities for the people of this region, Socio-economic development of the area, development of tourism industry and increase in industrial activities in the region.