

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 507
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

NEW RAILWAY LINE FROM JOGHIGOPA TO GHY

507. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that a demand of new railway line from Joghigopa to Ghy via Lengtisinga, Barpeta Sarthebari Hajo vide letter no 639186/A, 512 dated 24.01.2020 to the concerned directorate for consideration and necessary action;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government will consider the demand for the new line considering the socio- economic and cultural importance of the places?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): First survey from Jogighopa to Guwahati via Barpeta-Sarthebari-Hajo (136 km) was completed in 2011-12. As per survey report, the Rate of Return (ROR) of the project was (-) 11.95%. Second survey from Bongaigaon (near Jogighopa) to Agthori (near Guwahati) via Lengtisinga-Barpeta-Hajo-Sarthebari (136 km) was completed in 2017-18. As per Survey report, the ROR of the project was (-) 8.18%. As per survey report, alignment of this project is almost parallel to the existing New Bongaigaon - Rangiya line and doubling of this existing line has also been taken up.

In view of large shelf of ongoing new line projects on Indian Railways, presently it is not possible to consider one more new line in this region.
