

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1520
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF DOUBLE TRACK RAILWAY LINE IN ASSAM

1520. SHRI PHANI BHUSAN CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rail tracks in entire Assam and specially the projects concerning railway double tracks till date in Assam;**
- (b) the details of the present status of the construction of double track conversion in between New Bongaigaon and Dibrugarh; and**
- (c) any specific date or time for completion of New Bongaigaon and Dibrugarh project and the details in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1520 BY SHRI PHANI BHUSAN CHOUDHURY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF DOUBLE TRACK RAILWAY LINE IN ASSAM

(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.

As on 01.04.2024, 18 Railway infrastructure projects (13 New Line and 05 doubling), of total length of 1,368 km costing ₹74,972 crore falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region including Assam are in implementation/ concurrence stages, out of which 313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹40,549 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

The work of doubling of New Bongaigaon-Dibrugarh section has been taken up in phases, as under:

- i. Bongaigaon- Goalpara- Guwahati (176 Km.): 147.29 Km. has been commissioned.**
- ii. New Bongaigaon- Rangia- Agthori (142.97 Km.): 102.04 Km. has been commissioned.**
- iii. Agthori- Kamakhya including Rail cum Road at Saraighat (7 Km.): Preliminary activities for execution of the project has been taken up.**
- iv. Lumding- Furkating Jn. (140 Km.): Preliminary activities for execution of the project has been taken up.**
- v. Furkating Jn.- Dibrugarh (241 Km.): Final Location Survey has been completed.**

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 the NE Region including Assam is as under: -

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹2,122 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹10,269 crore	4.83 times
2024-25	₹10,376 crore	4.89 times

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the NE Region is as under:

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	333 Km	66.6 km/year	-
2014-24	1728 Km	172.8 km/year	2.59 times

The completion of Railway project/s depends upon various factors like quick 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, completion of Transmission Line Works by State Power Utilities. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. Hence, time line for completion of these projects cannot be given.
