

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 318  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**NEW RAILWAY LINES IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION**

**†318. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to lay new railway lines in various parts of the country including North-Eastern Region;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the proposals from various States regarding new railway lines is under consideration with the Government;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to construct around 141 KMs railway line from Rengia to Dekaragon via Baijra, Dumnichauki, Siphajhar, Mangaldoi, Kharupetia, Dalgaon and Orang for which survey has been completed?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 318 BY SHRI DILIP SAIKIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION**

**(a) and (b): The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State/district-wise/region wise as the Railway projects may span across state boundaries.**

**As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including North eastern region, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approx. ₹7.44 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 12,045 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.92 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

**Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.**

**The Average Annual Budget allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects across Indian Railways is given below:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹11,527 crore/year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>₹40,289 crore/year</b>	<b>Nearly 3.5 times</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>₹67,199 crore</b>	<b>Nearly 6 times</b>

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**The details of commissioning of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling across Indian Railways is given below:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>7,599 km</b>	<b>4.2 km/day</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>5,309 km</b>	<b>14.54 km/day</b>	<b>About 3.5 times</b>

**Railway infrastructural Projects in the Northeast Region are covered by Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zone of Indian Railways.**

**As on 01.04.2024, 18 projects (13 New Lines and 5 Doubling), of a total length of 1,368 km, costing ₹74,972 crore, falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region, are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹40,549 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include:-**

**13 New Line projects covering total length of 896 km at a cost of ₹64,873 crore, out of which 81 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹34,616 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

**5 Doubling projects covering total length of 472 km at a cost of ₹10,099 crore, out of which 232 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,933 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

**Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹2,122 crore/year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>₹10,269 crore</b>	<b>About 5 times</b>

**The details of commissioning of New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling sections falling fully/partly in the North Eastern Region is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Change w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>333 km</b>	<b>66.6 km/Year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>1,728 km</b>	<b>172.8 km/Year</b>	<b>About 2.6 times</b>

**The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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 etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s).**

**(c) & (d): Proposals/requests/suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal for Railway projects/Works across the country are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Members of Parliament, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.**

**(e): Final Location Survey for New Rail Line from Agthori to Dekargaon (155 km) via Sipajhar, Mangaldoi, Kharupetia, Dalgaon has been sanctioned. The field survey has been taken up for preparation of Detailed Project Report.**

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