

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2229
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

CONNECTIVITY OF IMPHAL THROUGH RAIL

2229. DR. ANGOMCHA BIMOL AKOIJAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of railway line construction to connect Imphal;**
- (b) the year in which the project to connect Imphal by Indian Railways was initiated alongwith the originally set target date for completion including the details of revisions to the target dates indicating the reasons for such changes;**
- (c) the current timeline for the project's completion;**
- (d) the total expenditure incurred on the project so far and the estimated cost for the remaining work; and**
- (e) the details of passenger and goods trains currently operating to and from Manipur along with their frequencies?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Jiribam - Imphal (111 km) new line project has been taken up for connecting Imphal with Indian Railways (IR) network. Latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹22,274 crore and expenditure of ₹14,423 has been incurred on the project upto 31.03.2024. An outlay of ₹1,200 crore has been provided for the financial year 2024-25.

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55.36 Km. from Jiribam to Khongsang has already been commissioned. Work has been taken up in balance stretch. Poor geological strata like highly weathered rock and loose soil hampering progress of tunneling in this region. Further soil, Law and order problem, frequent closure of NH-37 causing difficulty in transportation of construction resources and major land slide in Tupul area in June, 2022, have also affected the progress of work.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on 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 etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project/s expeditiously.

As the Railway network straddles across state boundaries, train are operated, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, to cater to the needs of the passengers of stations located in the State of Manipur, Indian Railways operates two pairs of train services viz. 55665/55666 Silchar – Vangaichungpao Passenger (daily) and 12097/12098 Agartala – Khongsang Jan Shatabdi Express (tri-weekly). Keeping in view the concerns of the State Government of Manipur, these services have been temporarily suspended since 4th May, 2023.

Details of freight traffic handled at Jiribam and Khongsang terminals in the financial year 2024-25 (upto February, 2025) is as under:-

Stations	No. of Rakes handled
Jiribam	15.5
Khongsang	16
