

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5243
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN GUWAHATI - TEZPUR

†5243. SHRI RANJIT DUTTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to build a new railway line connecting Guwahati to Tezpur through Darang district;**
- (b) if so, the details and current status of the said proposal including feasibility study and project timeline thereof;**
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to work on the said project to improve rail connectivity and boost economic development in the region; and**
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to enhance Railways infrastructure in Assam particularly in Darang and Sonitpur districts?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/Constituency wise/District wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members

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of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

Final Location Survey (FLS) of Agthori (Guwahati) - Dekargaon (Tezpur) New Line Project (155 Km) and Tezpur – Silghat New Line Project (25 Km), which pass through Darrang and Sonitpur districts have been sanctioned and survey work has been taken up.

To improve and boost economic development in Assam Region, following projects falling fully/ partly in Assam Region have been completed/ongoing:

Completed Projects:-

- 1. New Maynaguri - Jogighopa New Line (288.88 Km).**
- 2. Digaru - Hojai doubling (102 Km).**
- 3. Hojai - Lumding doubling (44.92 Km).**
- 4. New Bongaigaon - Rangiya- Agthori (142.97 Km).**

Ongoing Projects:-

- 1. Murkonselek- Pasighat New Line (26.15 Km).**
- 2. Tetelia- Byrnihat New Line (21.50 Km).**
- 3. New Bongaigaon- Goalpara- Kamakhya doubling (176 Km).**
- 4. Lumding Furkating doubling (140 Km).**
- 5. Kamakhya- Guwahati 3rd line (5.44 Km).**
- 6. Agthori-Kamakhya including Rail cum Road Bridge at Saraighat (7.062 Km).**

Further, In last 3 years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current Financial Year i.e. 2024-25), 14 surveys (09 New line & 05 Doubling) of total length 1,869 km falling fully/partly in the the State of Assam, have been sanctioned.

As on 01.04.2024, 18 Railway projects (13 New Line and 05 Doubling), of total length of 1,368 km costing ₹74,972 crore falling fully/partly in the North East Region including the State of Assam, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹40,549 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include:-

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Exp upto March 2024 (₹ in Cr.)
New Lines	13	896	81	34,616
Doubling	5	472	232	5,933
Total	18	1368	313	40,549

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the North East Region including the State of Assam, is given below:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	333 Km	66.6 Km/year
2014-24	1728 Km	172.8 Km/year (Nearly 3 times)

Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and other works, falling fully/ partly in North East Region including the State of Assam, is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹2,122 Crore/year
2025-26	₹10,440 (Nearly 5 times)