

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1821
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR ASSAM

1821. SHRI PHANI BHUSAN CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of Railway level crossings in Rangia, Lumding and Tinsukia Division in Assam under Northeast-Frontier (NF) Railway;**
- (b) the number of unmanned level crossing and ROB's already constructed/being under Construction out of the aforesaid railway crossings in the said division in Assam;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to construct new ROB's in Rangia, Lumding and Tinsukia Division in Assam, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of railway projects currently under construction in NF Railway including projects name, length, original cost, revised cost, original date of completion and anticipated date of completion, project-wise;**
- (e) the details of the reasons of delay, project-wise;**
- (f) the details of new projects in pipeline along with estimated cost under the jurisdiction of NF Railway; and**
- (g) the present status of proposed Agthori-Kamakhya section with the construction of new rail-cum-road bridge at Saraighat?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g) : All Unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) on running lines of Broad Gauge (BG) network of Indian Railways have been eliminated by 31.01.2019. As on 01.04.2025, there are 306 Nos. Manned Level

Crossing (MLCs) in Rangiya, 204 Nos. in Lumding and 278 Nos. in Tinsukia divisions.

Sanctioning of works of Road over Bridge (ROB)/Road under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of Level crossings (LCs) is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Such works are prioritised and taken up on the basis of its impact on safety in train operations, mobility of trains & impact for road users and feasibility etc.

No. of ROB/ RUBs constructed on Indian Railways during the period 2004-14 vis a vis 2014-25 (June'25) is as under:

Period	ROBs/ RUBs constructed
2004-14	4,148 Nos.
2014-25 (June'25)	13,426 Nos.

As on 01.04.2025, 4,402 Nos. ROB/ RUBs are sanctioned at the cost of ₹ 1,00,860 Cr on Indian Railways including 61 Nos. Road Over Bridge (ROB)/Road Under Bridge (RUB) at the cost of ₹ 1,288 crore in the State of Assam, which are at various stages of planning and execution.

During 2014-25 (June'25), 325 Nos. ROB/RUBs have been completed in the State of Assam. Presently, details of sanctioned works of ROB/RUBs in Rangia, Lumding and Tinsukia divisions are as under:-

SN	Division	ROBs/RUBs (Nos.)	Status
1	Rangia	26	These works are at various stages of planning and execution.
2	Lumding	9	
3	Tinsukia	34	

Completion & commissioning of ROB/RUB works depends on various factors like cooperation of State Governments in giving consent for closure of LC, fixing of approach alignment, approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD), land acquisition, removal of encroachment, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, law and order situation in the area of project / work sites, duration of working season in a year for the particular project / area due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the projects / works.

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 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.

As on 01.04.2025, 12 Railway projects (08 New Line and 04 Doubling), of total length of 777 km costing ₹69,342 crore falling fully/partly in the North East Region including the state of Assam are sanctioned, out of which 278 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 41,676 crore has been incurred upto March 2025. These include:-

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Exp upto March 2025 (₹ in Cr.)
New Lines	08	448	113	38,078
Doubling	04	329	165	3,598
Total	12	777	278	41,676

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
2014-25	1840 Km	167.27 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)

The work for construction of 2nd Saraighat Rail cum Road Bridge has been sanctioned. Tender for taking up the work has been invited.

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in North East Region including the State of Assam, are as under:-

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (₹ In crore)
1.	Bogibeel Bridge with linked New Line (92 Km)	5,820
2.	Agartala – Sabroom New Line (112 Km)	3,170
3.	Agartala – Akhaura New Line (5 Km)	865
4.	Rangiya – Murkongselek Gauge Conversion (510 Km)	3,019
5.	Kumarghat – Agartala Gauge Conversion (109 Km)	1,242
6.	Katakhal – Bhairabi Gauge Conversion (84 Km)	348
7.	Lumding – Badarpur – Silchar & Badarpur – Kumarghat Gauge Conversion (412 Km)	6,500

8.	Lumding to Hojai Doubling (45 Km)	410
9.	Digaru – Hojai Doubling (102 Km)	1,873
10.	New Bongaigaon – Agthori via Rangiya Doubling (143 Km)	2,048
11.	Bairabi-Sairang New Line (52 Km)	8,601

Further, some of the main projects falling fully/Partly in North East Region including the State of Assam, which have been taken up, are as under:-

S.No.	Name of the project	Cost (₹ In crore)
1	Jiribam – Imphal New Line (111 Km)	18,562
2	Dimapur – Zubza (Kohima) New Line (83 Km)	6,663
3	Sivok – Rangpo New Line (45 Km)	12,133
4	Murkongselek – Pasighat New Line (26 Km)	984
5	New Bongaigaon – Golpara - Guwahati Doubling (176 Km.)	1,832
6	Kamakhya - Guwahati 3rd Line (6 Km.)	395
7	Lumding - Furkating Doubling (140 Km.)	2,124
8	Agthori - Kamakhya Doubling with New Rail cum Road Bridge at Sarighat (7 Km.)	1,474

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of Railway projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.
