

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2799  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025**

**NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY PROJECT**

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

- (a) the details of the status of North Eastern Railway connectivity project at present; and**
- (b) the details of the amount invested in said railway project along with the total length of railway lines made operational till 2024?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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**(a) and (b): 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.**

**Zonal Railway-wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.**

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**To augment and increase line capacity of rail network situated in North East Region, 12 Railway projects (08 New Lines, 04 Doubling), of total length of 777 Km, costing ₹69,342 crore falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region (NER) have been sanctioned, out of which 278 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹41,676 crore has been incurred upto March, 2025.**

**The status of work is summarized as under:-**

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Total Length (in Km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned (in Km)</b>	<b>Expenditure upto March, 2024 (₹ in Cr.)</b>
<b>New Lines</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>38,078</b>
<b>Doubling</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>3,698</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>41,676</b>

**Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and other works, falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region (NER) is as under:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹2,122 crore/year</b>
<b>2025-26</b>	<b>₹10,440 crore ( about 5 times)</b>

**Commissioning of sections (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region (NER) during 2009-14 and 2014-2025 is as under:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>New track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average commissioning of new tracks</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>333 Km</b>	<b>66.6 Km/year</b>
<b>2014-25</b>	<b>1,840 Km</b>	<b>167.27 Km/year (about 3 times)</b>

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**Projects commissioned falling fully/partly in North East Region since 2014, are as under:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost (₹ in crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Bogibeel Bridge (92 Km.)</b>	<b>5820</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Agartala-Sabroom (112 Km.) New Line</b>	<b>3170</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Agartala-Akaura (5 Km) New Line</b>	<b>865</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Rangiya-Murkongselek (510 Km) Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>3019</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Kumarghat-Agartala (109 Km) Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>1242</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Katakhal-Bharabi (84 Km) Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>348</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Lumding-Badarpur- Silchar &amp; Badarpur-Kumarghat (412 Km) Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>673</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Lumding-Hojai (45 Km) Doubling</b>	<b>410</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Digarua-Hojai (102 Km) Doubling</b>	<b>1873</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>New Bongaigaon-Agthori (143 Km.) Doubling</b>	<b>2048</b>

**Some of the main projects falling fully/partly in the North East Region which have been taken up are as under:-**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Cost (₹ In crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Jiribam-Imphal (111 Km) New Line</b>	<b>18562</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Dimapur-Kohima (82 Km) New Line</b>	<b>6911</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Bhairabi-Sairang (51 Km) New Line</b>	<b>5521</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Murkongselek-Pasighat (27 Km) New Line</b>	<b>980</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>New Bongaigaon-Goalpara-Guwahati (Kamakhya) (176 Km) Doubling</b>	<b>2950</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Saraighat Bridge (7 Km) Doubling</b>	<b>1478</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Aluabari-Thakurganj (20 km) Doubling</b>	<b>327</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Aluabari-New Jalpaiguri (57 km) 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Line</b>	<b>1786</b>

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**Further, during the last three years i.e. FY 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the current FY, 17 surveys (13 New Line, and 4 Doubling) of total length 1790 Km. falling fully/ partly in the North East Region have been sanctioned under PM Gati Shakti NMP. Some important surveys are as below:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Length in Kilometer</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Zubza-Imphal New Line</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Lanka - Silchar via Chandranathpur New Line</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sairang-Hbichhuah (Mizoram) New Line</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Agthori-Dekargaon New Line</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Tejpur-Silghat New Line</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Chandranathpur-Agartala Doubling</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Guwahati-Lumding 3rd line</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>New Jalpaiguri-Kamakhya 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Line</b>	<b>421</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Katihari- Aluabari 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Line</b>	<b>145</b>

**After firming up of DPR, sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines cannot be fixed.**

**Similarly, to augment and increase line capacity of rail network situated in North Eastern Railway, as on 01.04.2025, total 17 Railway infrastructure projects (08 New Line, 01 Gauge Conversion and 08 Doubling), of total length of 1,253 km, costing `20,466 crore on North Eastern Railway are sanctioned, out of which 354 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of `10,486 crore has been incurred upto March 2025. The summary is as under:**

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<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of sanctioned projects</b>	<b>Total length (Km)</b>	<b>Length commissioned till Mar'25 (Km)</b>	<b>Total expenditure upto March 2025 (Cr.)</b>
<b>New Line</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4042</b>
<b>Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>Doubling /Multitracking</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>6184</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1253</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>10486</b>

**Details of some of the recently completed projects on North Eastern Railway are as under:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Latest Cost (Cr.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Ghazipur city-Tarighat new line (17 Km)</b>	<b>1766</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Indara-Dohrighat gauge conversion (34 Km)</b>	<b>213</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Lucknow-Pilibhit gauge conversion (263 Km)</b>	<b>1634</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Ballia-Gazipur city doubling (65 Km)</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Aunrihar-Jaunpur doubling (60 Km)</b>	<b>405</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Malhaur-Daliganj doubling (13 Km)</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Rosa-Sitapur Cantt-Burhwal doubling (181 Km)</b>	<b>2094</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Varanasi-Madhosingh-Allahabad doubling (120 Km)</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Aishbagh-Manaknagar doubling (4 Km)</b>	<b>82</b>

**Some of the main projects on North Eastern Railway, which have been taken up, are as under:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost (Cr.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Anandnagar - Ghughuli via Maharajganj new line (53 Km)</b>	<b>958</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Etah – Kasganj new line (29 Km)</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Gorakhpur Cantt – Valmiki Nagar Doubling (96 Km)</b>	<b>1121</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Barabanki-Burhwal 3rd line (27 Km)</b>	<b>426</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Mankapur-Tikri doubling (28 Km)</b>	<b>280</b>

**Total 46 surveys (5 New Line, 2 Gauge Conversion and 39 Doubling), of total length of 1878 Km on North Eastern Railway, have been sanctioned during last three years (2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025) and current financial year.**

**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 etc. All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.**

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