

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4571
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

RAIL CONNECTIVITY IN TRIPURA

4571. SMT. KRITI DEVI DEBBARMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps being taken to ensure more resilient and uninterrupted rail connectivity in Tripura in light of frequent disruption due to floods and landslides; and**
- (b) whether the Government is still actively pursuing the alternate arrangement to improve rail connectivity between Agartala and Kolkata through Bangladesh, particularly the Agartala-Akhaura Rail Line project and if so, the details thereof?;**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not Region-wise or State-wise, as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.

Tripura is already connected to Rail network of Indian Railways. To improve rail connectivity to Tripura following projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tripura were taken up and completed:-

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S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1.	Agartala – Sabroom New Line (112 Km)	3170
2.	Lumding – Badarpur – Kumarghat Gauge Conversion (244 Km)	6500

To provide additional railway infrastructure in the State of Tripura, Final Location Survey (FLS) for Chandranathpur – Agartala doubling (244 Km) has also been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and survey has been taken up.

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.

Kolkata and Agartala is already connected through existing railway network via New Farakka, New Jalpaiguri, Guwahati and Lumding.

To provide additional connectivity between India and Bangladesh and encourage trade between the two nations, Agartala-Akhaura (12 km) new line project has been sanctioned. The anticipated cost of the project (Indian side) is ₹973 crore. The alignment for Indian side of the project runs from Agartala Railway Station to Nischintpur Yard (5.46 km), which has been commissioned. Further connectivity to Tripura via Bangladesh can improve after upgradation of track in Bangladesh.

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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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