

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1807
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025

Modernising Coal Transportation Infrastructure

1807. Md. Rakibul Hussain:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modernise the existing coal transportation infrastructure in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has coordinated with the Railways for the said purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details of expected timeline for completion?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) Modernization of the railway platforms at Tirap and Tikak sidings, at a cost of ₹4.93 crore, has already been completed. Modernization of roads for coal transportation at Tikak Colliery and Tirap Colliery, involving an expenditure of ₹10.70 crore, is currently underway.

(c) Ministry of Coal has been coordinating closely with the Ministry of Railways for strengthening infrastructure in the Northeastern Region, including Assam. There has been substantial enhancement of budget allocations, sanctioning of new line and doubling projects, commissioning of new tracks, and continuous monitoring and follow-up mechanisms to facilitate timely execution of works. In FY 25-26, Ministry of Railway sanctioned 12 Railway projects (08 New Lines, 04 Doubling), of a total length of 777 Km, costing ₹69,342 crore falling fully/ partly in Northeastern Region (NER) including the state of Assam. During the last three years, i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the current financial year 2025-26, 17 surveys (13 New Line, and 4 Doubling) of total length 1,790 km falling fully/ partly in the Northeast Region including the state of Assam have been approved.

(d) The timelines for completion of railway projects depend on multiple factors such as land acquisition, forest clearances, shifting of utilities, statutory approvals, geological and topographical conditions, law and order issues at the project site, and the number of workable months available in a year. As these factors vary across project locations, the expected completion period differs from project to project.

To ensure timely progress, the Government has taken several measures, including substantial enhancement of fund allocation, delegation of powers at the field level, close monitoring of project milestones at various levels, and regular coordination with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forest and wildlife clearances, and resolution of project-related issues.
