

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1121  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2015**

**CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL LINES**

**1121. SHRI R.K. SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Railways are a vital means for integrating and development of the country;**
- (b) if so, whether rail links to the North-East and Jammu and Kashmir are of special importance and are of strategic significance;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the construction of rail lines to Imphal and from Jammu and Pathankot to Srinagar are lagging behind; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1121 BY SHRI R.K. SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2015 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL LINES**

**(a): Yes, Madam.**

**(b) & (c): Most of the projects in North-Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir are of special and strategic importance. Details of the ongoing projects falling partly/fully in these States are as under:-**

Plan Head	Jammu & Kashmir		North Eastern States	
	No. of projects	Cost (In ₹ Crore)	No. of Projects	Cost (In ₹ Crore)
<b>New Line</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19565</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38416</b>
<b>Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7100</b>
<b>Doubling</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5030</b>

**(d) & (e): (i) Rail Link to Imphal: Jiribam – Tupul- Imphal (125 Km) New line has been taken up to connect Imphal, the capital of Manipur. Jiribam-Dholakhal (12.5 Km) section has been completed and earth work, bridges and tunneling in balance section has been taken up. The project has suffered delay due to paucity of fund till 2013-14, law & order situation, difficult terrain etc. Since 2014-15, outlay for this project has been significantly enhanced and outlay for 2015-16 is ₹1300 Crore.**

**(ii) Rail lines from Jammu/Pathankot to Srinagar:- Broad Gauge connectivity from Pathankot-Jammu-Udhampur-Katra already exists. Also, Banihal-Srinagar-Baramulla new line has been commissioned as a part of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project. Work on Katra-Banihal section (111 Km) has suffered due to difficult terrain and frequent litigations. An outlay of ₹1500 Crore has been provided for the project in 2015-16 and all necessary steps have been taken up to complete this project on priority.**

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