GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3382 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2015

BROAD GAUGE LINE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken any steps to ensure that the newly constructed broad gauge line from Silchar is safe for plying passenger trains;
- (b) if so, whether the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) has given its report about the safety of this line;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and raised any concern about the safety of this line; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Railways take all necessary steps to ensure safety of passenger trains before introducing any such trains on a newly constructed / converted railway line. As regards Lumding-Silchar line, goods trains have been introduced since 27.03.2015. Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) has inspected the newly converted line in two stages viz. Lumding-Haflong and Haflong-Silchar, and submitted his detailed inspection note wherein he has indicated some locations to be kept under watch and suggested certain safety measures to be taken. The Zonal Railway has taken up the compliance of these observations and regular passenger services can be introduced after the compliance of the observations of CRS.

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