

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1822
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2015**

HIMALAYAN RAILWAY PROJECT

**1822 . ADV. SHARADKUMAR MARUTI BANSODE:
 SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
 SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway lines constructed in the Himalayan States including States in the North East Region, during the past five years, State-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken or propose to be taken any steps to improve railway connectivity in the Himalayan region and establish a Trans-Himalayan railway network; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): It is Indian Railways' endeavor to improve railway connectivity in the Himalayan States including States in the North Eastern Region. Toward this end, 20 New Lines, 4 Gauge Conversion and 9 Doubling projects having total length of 3682 km costing ₹ 91,756 Crores have been taken up falling fully/partly in these States. As the railway projects straddle across one or more States, the details are not maintained State-wise. However, following important rail connectivity projects/sections having a total length of about 1000 km have been commissioned in these States in last 5 years in this region:-

- 1. Udhampur-Katra and Qazigund-Banihal sections of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project.**

- 2. Harmuti-Naharlagun (Itanagar) New line.**
- 3. Rangya-Rangapara-Murkongselek Gauge Conversion project including Balipara-Bhalukpong.**
- 4. Lumding-Silchar sections of Lumding-Silchar-Kumarghat Gauge Conversion project.**
- 5. Dudhnoi-Mendipathar (Meghalaya) new line.**
- 6. Fakiragram-Dhubri and Golakganj-Gauripur sections of New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon Gauge Conversion project.**
- 7. New Guwahati-Digaru Doubling.**
- 8. Bareilly-Lalkuan section of Kanpur-Kasganj-Bareilly & Bareilly-Lalkuan Gauge Conversion project.**
