

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3954  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.12.2015**

**CREATION OF SUB-DIVISION FOR NE ZONE**

**3954. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to set up a robust broad gauge railway network in North Eastern States and connect it to the Trans-Asia Railway Network within a fixed time frame; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) & (b) : Master plan has been made for a broad gauge network in North Eastern States. Broad features of this plan are:**

- (1) Connectivity to all State capitals.**
- (2) Unigauge Broadgauge network.**
- (3) Strengthening international borders.**
- (4) Augmentation of network capacity for handling growth of traffic in future.**
- (5) Expansion of network to unconnected areas of the region.**
- (6) Improving trade and connectivity with neighbouring countries.**

**Time frame to connect with Trans-Asia Railway Network has not been fixed due to a number of missing links in and outside India.**

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