

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1616
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016**

RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

†1616. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of efforts made by the Railways to improve railway infrastructure development in the hilly areas including North Eastern region during the last three years;**
- (b) the time by which the work is likely to be completed; and**
- (c) the total funds allocated for railway projects of Uttarakhand and North Eastern States during the said period as well as funds proposed to be incurred on each of the said projects?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1616 BY DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK" TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2016 REGARDING RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

(a): There are 25 ongoing projects falling partly/fully in the state of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and North Eastern States. An amount of ₹ 5946 Crore in 2014-15, ₹ 6687 Crore in 2015-16 and ₹ 6531 Crore in 2016-17 has been allotted for these projects falling fully/partly in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and North Eastern States.

Due to continuous efforts and focused approach, following sections have been completed/commissioned since April, 2013 in these states.

- 1. Agartala-Udaipur (40 Km), New Line**
- 2. Ambala-Dhapper (22.71 Km), Doubling**
- 3. Ambari Falakata-Belakoba (10.3 Km), Doubling**
- 4. Arunachal-Jiribam & Karimganj-Mahishashan (50 Km), Gauge Conversion**
- 5. Asoati-Tughlakabad (20.5 Km), Doubling**
- 6. Badarpur-Kumarghat (118 Km), Gauge Conversion**
- 7. Balipara-Bhalukapong (34.47 Km), Gauge Conversion**
- 8. Barhni-Gainsari (24 Km), Gauge Conversion**
- 9. Belakoba – Raninagar Jalpaiguri (8 Km), Doubling**
- 10. Bhadian-Lambua (6.85 Km), Doubling**
- 11. Bhadohi-Sarai Kansarai (15.33 Km), Doubling**
- 12. Bhambewa-Gohana-Mohana (40 Km), New Line**
- 13. Budhalda-Mansa (16 Km), Doubling**
- 14. Chakki Bank – Bharoli (3.5 Km), Doubling**
- 15. Chhan Arorian – Budhi (8 Km), Doubling**
- 16. Dudhnoi-Mendipathar (19.75 Km), New Line**
- 17. Ganga Bridge at Garh Mukteshwar (3 Km), Doubling**
- 18. Harmuti- Naharlagun (22 Km), New Line**
- 19. Harmuti-North Lakhimpur (31 Km), Gauge Conversion**
- 20. Jakhal-Budhlada (29 Km), Doubling**
- 21. Jallandhar Cantt – Suchipind (3.5 Km), Doubling**
- 22. Kasganj-Ramganga Bridge except Bridge No. 409 on river Ganga between Bitroi-Manpur Nagaria (95 Km), Gauge Conversion**
- 23. Katakhal-Bhairabi (84 Km), Gauge Conversion**
- 24. Khukrana-Panipat (8 Km), Doubling**
- 25. Kumarghat-Agartala (109 Km), Gauge Conversion**
- 26. Lohta-Chokhandi-Sewapuri (16.77 Km), Doubling**

27. **Lumding-Silchar (210 Km), Gauge Conversion**
28. **Mansa-Maiserkhana-Kotfateh (34 Km), Doubling**
29. **New Changrabandha-New Coochbehar (70 Km), New Line**
30. **New Mal-Changrabandha (62 Km), Gauge Conversion**
31. **North Lakhimpur-Murkongselek (154 Km), Gauge Conversion**
32. **Pakhrauli-Bhadaiyan-Lambua (15.2 Km), Doubling**
33. **Palwal-Asaoti (10 Km), Doubling**
34. **Pandu Pindara-Bhambewa Gohana (40 Km), New Line**
35. **Rangapara- Harmuti (143 Km), Gauge Conversion**
36. **Sambha-Vijaypur-Jammu involving across Basantar Bridge (6.5 Km), Doubling**
37. **Shiv Nagar-Bandhuan (13.16 Km), Doubling**
38. **Sultanpur-Bhadaiyan, Shivrinar-Bandhukalan (30 Km), Doubling**
39. **Sultanpur-Pakhrauli (9.25 Km), Doubling**
40. **Udhampur-Katra (25 Km), New Line**

(b): Every railway project requires number of clearances from various Ministries and Departments of State/Central Governments. These, inter-alia, include clearances inherent to land acquisition, forestry clearance and permission for crossing from departments like National Highway Authority of India, Public Works Department, Irrigation canals etc; and also clearances of Archeological Survey of India if the alignment passes in vicinity of a protected monument, local bodies for projects passing through urban areas, etc which are part of project execution. Process of seeking the approvals/clearances causes delay in completion of the projects. Further, Budget allotments for the projects are done on yearly basis. Therefore it is not feasible to fix timelines for completion of railway projects.

(c): Funds allotted for projects falling in Uttarakhand and North Eastern Region, total cost etc. is as below:-

Name of project	Expenditure upto 31.03.2016 (in ₹ Cr.)	Outlay provided in 2016-17 (in ₹ Cr.)
New Line		
Murkongselek-Pasighat (30.617 km)	3.06	100
Byrnihat-Shillong (108.40 km)	20.63	300
Bhairabi-Sairang (51.38 km)	543.91	500
Dimapur-Tizit (257 km)	10	10

Name of project	Expenditure upto 31.03.2016 (in ₹ Cr.)	Outlay provided in 2016-17 (in ₹ Cr.)
Agartala-Sabroom (110 km)	1529.3	500
Agartala-Akhaura (Bangladesh) (13 km)	158.4	150
Bogibeel bridge with linking lines between Dibrugarh and North Bank line (46 km)	4129.08	598
Teteliya-Byrnihat (21.50 km)	324.85	160
New Moynaguri-Jogighopa NL with GC of New Mal-Moynaguri Road and New Changrabanda-Changrabanda (3 km)	2225.72	250
Jiribam-Imphal (97.90 km)	4890.73	1000
Dimapur-Kohima (88 km)	149.95	350
Sivok-Rangpo (44.39 km)	280.79	250
Deoband (Muzzafar Nagar)-Roorkee (27.45 km)	269.11	20
Kichha-Khatima (57.7 km)	0.15	20
Rishikesh-Karanprayag (125.09 km)	42.14	160
Gauge Conversion		
Lumding-Badarpur-Silchar including Migrendisa-Dittockchera	5995.05	280
New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon NL along with Branch lines & MM	1073.5	10
Lucknow-Pilibhit via Sitapur, Lakhimpur (262.76 km)	143.18	250
Bhojipura-Tanakpur via Pilibhit (101.79 km)	179.44	110
Doubling		
Bongaigaon- Goalpara-Guwahati	0.5	40
Digarua-Hojai	0.5	30
New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya via Rangiya (142 km)	0.0001	30
Lumding-Hojai Patch (44.92 km)	0.8	110
Haridwar-Lakshar (27.03 km)	43.25	125

NL - New Line, GC - Gauge Conversion & MM - Material Modification
