

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2199  
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LACK OF BASIC AMENITIES ON NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY  
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

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

- (a) whether on most of the way-sides Railway stations on North East Frontier Railway are not provided with electricity and essential public facilities;
- (b) if so, the number of railway stations in Assam and other North-eastern States have not yet been electrified and provided with other essential facilities; and
- (c) the steps to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH )

(a) to (b): No, Sir. All Railway stations except five stations have been provided with essential public facilities including electricity as per norms. The norms for electrifying a way-side station are availability of power supply from State Electricity Board within 1 km of the station and regular halt of at least one passenger train during night. The other public facilities are provided commensurate with volume of traffic handled.

(c) For provision of new amenities and augmenting the existing amenities, Railways undertaken works at stations wherever so warranted and adequate funds are provided for this purpose. A sum of Rs. 11.13 crore is proposed to be spent on Northeast Frontier Railway for this purpose during 2000-01. Work for electrification of two out of the 5 stations eligible for electrification as per norms has already been taken in hand and for the balance 8 stations the work of electrification is proposed to be sanctioned during 2000-01.