

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1201  
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DEVELOPMENT OF RAIL NETWORK IN NORTH EAST  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have examined the need for augmenting the railway services including necessary gauge conversions, doubling of rail lines and extension of railways to strategic points in North-East; and

(b) if so, the details of developmental works undertaken by the Government in North-Eastern States?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): New line from Jogighopa to Goalpara has been completed and new line from Goalpara to Kamakhya (Guwahati) will be completed by 31.03.2000. New lines from Harmuti to Itanagar, Dudhnoi to Depa, Kumarghat to Agartala, Diphu to Karong and rail-cum-road bridge over river Brahmaputra near Bogibil with linking line between Dibrugarh and North Bank line have been sanctioned.

Gauge conversion of Guwahati-Lumding-Dibrugarh, Chaparmukh-Haibargaon has been completed. Gauge conversion for New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon and branch lines from Fakiragram-Dhubri and Alipurduar-Bamanhat, Lumding-Silchar and Katakhal-Bhairabi have been taken up.