

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3584  
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SUSPENSION DELAY OF RAIL SERVICE  
Suklabaidya Shri Lalit Mohan

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that every year rail service is delayed/suspended monsoon season due to landslides in between Banderkhal and Damchhera on chaining Lumding-Badarpur rail section of NF Railways;
- (b) whether the Railways have taken any permanent remedial action for protection of the aforesaid stretch from landslides instead of clearing spending huge amount is debris every year; and
- (c) if so, the details alongwith the time frame of its implementation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Lumding-Badarpur Hill section on Lumding Division of North East Frontier Railway is prone to landslides in monsoon season, which often results in the suspension of rail traffic in the region.

(b) & (c): The Lumding-Badarpur section is sanctioned for Gauge conversion and targeted for completion by March 2009. In this Gauge conversion work, necessary precautions, as per the advice of Geological Experts, is being taken to prevent/minimize landslide on the proposed alignment.

Till such time suitable precautionary measures like clearing of drains & waterways before onset of monsoon and other protection works at critical locations are being taken to reduce the chances of such landslips and minimize traffic disruption.