

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2577
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RAIL LINES DHUBRI AND FAKIRAGRAM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railway service between Dhubri and Fakiragram has been closed;
- (b) if so, from which date alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government construct the line and convert it from MG to BG line; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the work is likely to be completed to run the train again?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The running of meter gauge trains on Fakiragram-Dhubri section was suspended from 09.08.2000 due to adverse law and order condition. The train services on Fakiragram-Sapathgram were reintroduced from 23.11.2002. However, the section has been finally closed from 27.10.2003 due to gauge conversion of New Jalpaiguri-Samuktala Road.

(c) & (d): The gauge conversion work on the Fakiragram-Dhubri section has been taken up and would be completed in the coming years as per the availability of resources.