

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4250  
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DOUBLING OF JALPAIGURI TO BANGAIGAON  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has ever made a survey or study to upgrade the single rail track to double rail track between the Sector New Jalpaiguri to Bongaigaon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated cost and time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): On completion of the gauge conversion of New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon, two broad gauge lines would be available between New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon which would meet the requirement of traffic. In view of this, no survey has been considered necessary for doubling the existing single broad gauge line between New Jalpaiguri and Bongaigaon.