

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4555
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RAIL LINE BETWEEN GUWAHATI-JOGIHAPPA
Ajmal Shri Badruddin

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Guwahati-Jogihappa rail line remain underutilized since its inception;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways for utilization of the said railway line;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware of a large scale transport of smuggled timber between Rangia-Rangapara rail section; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Only 2 incidents of smuggling of Timber were reported between Rangiya-Rangapara section of NF Railway in 2009. The details are given as under:

i) On 02-01-2009, 877 pieces swan timber like sal, sagon, dhuna etc. valued at Rs. 4,03,656/- were recovered from Train No. Dn. empty stock. The case was jointly detected by RPF, GRP and 172 Field Regiment of Army and 05 persons were arrested. A case vide no. 3 of 3/09 dated 02-01-2009 U/s 140, 141 & 149 of Assam Forest Regulation Act 1891 has been registered.

ii) On 03-10-2009, 14 pieces of unclaimed timber wood were recovered by a joint team of RPF and GRP of Rangiya Division from Train no. 0770 Inter City Express. The recovered property has been handed over to Forest department.