

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6666
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LUMDING SILCHAR RAILWAY SECTION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an in-house audit by the Railways has revealed an unproductive expenditure of more than 880 crore on a diverted alignment in the Lumding-Silchar hill section of North Frontier Railway due to improper planning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this has led to further delays in execution of works and escalation of the project cost;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Railways against the authorities responsible for this and to ensure to expedite the work on this project?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Principal Director of Audit, Northeast Frontier Railway has prepared a Draft Paragraph on Lumding-Silchar-Jiribam, Badarpur-Kumarghat gauge conversion project covering expenditure and planning issues. Northeast Frontier Railway has been asked by them to verify the facts and figures and communicate Administrative Remarks on the same.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d)&(e): Do not arise.