

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LAYING RAILWAY LINE FROM ALIPURDUAR JUNCTION TO BAMANHAT STATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of work on route from Alipurduar Junction to Bamanhat Railway Station;
- (b) the total cost of the project and the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) the reasons for the delay in completion of work if any; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the work on this project?

Answer

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

- (a): The branch line from Alipurduar Jn. to Bamanhat has been completed and commissioned to passenger traffic on 07-11-2007.
- (b): The conversion of this line is a part of New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon including branch lines gauge conversion project, the total cost of which is Rs. 970 crore. An expenditure of Rs 948.28 crore (provisional) has been incurred on this project up to 31-03-2009.
- (c) & (d): Do not arise.