

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO BANGLADESH  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to introduce rail connectivity between West Bengal and Tripura via Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time frame set for its implementation;
- (c) whether India is assisting Bangladesh to develop its railway network;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. In order to facilitate rail connectivity between West Bengal and Tripura via Bangladesh, Government of India is financing the construction of a railway line on the missing link between Akhaura (Bangladesh) and Agartala (Tripura, India). Time frame for the implementation of the project is dependent on acceptance of the proposed alignment by Bangladesh authorities, availability of land required for the project etc.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. India has been assisting Bangladesh in developing its Railway network by providing Rolling Stock and by helping it improve its fixed infrastructure.