

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:392
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2012
RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR NE REGION
Purkayastha Shri Kabindra

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Railway projects sanctioned and made operational during the Tenth and Eleventh Plan periods, for North-East Region;
- (b) the details of the projects proposed to be taken up during Twelfth Plan period, for the region;
- (c) whether the funds for the purposes have been identified;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the trains running from Silchar to Agartala and back are running on odd schedule;
- (f) whether the Railways are considering to review the running schedule of the said train; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.392 BY Shri Kabindra Purkayastha TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.05.2012 REGARDING Railway Projects for NE Region

(a) & (b): During 10th Plan i.e. 2002-07, 3 New Line, 1 Gauge Conversion and 1 doubling projects and during Eleventh Plan, 5 New Line and 1 Doubling projects in N.E. Region have been sanctioned. During Tenth Plan, 21 km New Line, 732.57 km Gauge Conversion in N.E. Region have been completed. During Eleventh Plan, 285.16 km New Line, 652.26 km Gauge Conversion and 31 km Doubling projects in the Region have been completed. Details of sections completed are at Appendix.

During 1st year of Twelfth Plan, i.e. 2012-13, Lumding-Hojai (44.92 km) doubling is proposed for sanction. 8 proposals of new line have been sent to Planning Commission for 'In Principle' approval.

(c) & (d): Out of 18 ongoing projects of N.E. Region, 10 projects have been declared as National Projects and a dedicated North East Region Rail Development Fund (NERRDF) has been created for execution of these projects.

(e): The running of passenger trains have, sometimes, not been as per their schedules due to various reasons like agitation, bandhs, miscreant activities, alarm chain pulling, damage of track due to breaches, law and order problems, bad weather, cattle run over and equipment failure etc.

(f): No, Madam.

(g): Does not arise.