

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Railways have any rail connectivity to Meghalaya;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is lack of co-ordination between Assam and Meghalaya in acquisition of land for laying rail line in the region;
- (d) if so, whether the Railways propose to intervene in the matter; and
- (e) the time by which the said work is likely to be started?

Answer

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

(a) &(b): No, Madam. However, new line projects of Dudhnoi-Mendipathar and Azra-Byrnihat have been taken up for providing rail connectivity to Meghalaya.

(c) to (e): The land acquisition for the two ongoing projects is being pursued with State Governments of Assam and Meghalaya. On Dudhnoi-Mendipathar new line project, land acquisition is in progress.The work has been taken up where land has been handed over.On Azara -Byrnihat new line, State Govt of Assam has advised to change the alignment as it would not be possible to hand over land on the proposed alignment.The work will be taken up after land is made available.