

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:101  
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AGARTALA UDAIPUR SABROOM RAILWAY LINE  
Das Shri Khagen

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of new railway line project on Agartala-Udaipur-Sabroom section along with the acquisition of land for the purpose;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and spent thereon;
- (c) the reasons for delay in completion of the said project; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of the said project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a): Works have been taken up in entire section of Agartala-Sabroom new line project (110 km). Earthwork, work of minor & major bridges, Road Over Brodge/Road Under Bridge, tunnels etc. are in various stages of progress. Overall progress of the works is 42.35%. Project is targeted to be completed by December, 2015 subject to availability of funds. 550.24 hectare out of total 825.27 hectare of land has so far been handed over to Railway. Proposal for 15.255 hectare forest land including 9.94 hectare of Trishna Wild Life Sanctuary has been sent to State Government.
- (b): Outlay of Rs.140 crore has been provided for the project during 2013-14. Expenditure of Rs.497.80 crore has been incurred upto March, 2013.
- (c): Completion of the project has been delayed due to non clearance of forest land and inadequate allotment of fund.
- (d): State Government and Ministry of Environment & Forests have been requested to expedite forestry clearance. Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance have been requested to enhance Gross Budgetary Support particularly for National Projects.