

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:101

ANSWERED ON:12.12.2013

DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

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

- (a) the details and the present status of the ongoing/pending railway projects under the North Eastern Region (NER), project-wise including gauge conversion on Lumding-Badarpur and Rangia-Murkongselek sections and the new line projects on Pasighat-Tezu-Parasuram Kund and Naharlagun sections;
- (b) the details of the sanctioned railway projects which are still to be taken up for execution in NER along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details and the present status of the ongoing/pending surveys for new railway lines along with those which have been completed during the last three years and the current year in NER;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and spent thereon, project-wise; and
- (e) the time by which the pending projects are likely to be completed along with the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard, project-wise?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 101 BY SHRI LALIT MOHAN SUKLABAIIDYA AND SHRI RAMEN DEKA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.12.2013 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

(a): In North East Region, 14 New Line, 4 Gauge Conversion, 2 Doubling and 1 Railway Electrification projects are under various stages of execution. Pasighat-Teju-Parsuramkund new line is not a sanctioned project. Project-wise status of all ongoing projects including Lumding-Badarpur, Rangiya-Murkongselek and Harmuti-Naharlagun is appended.

(b): Dimapur-Tizit new line and New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya via Rangiya Doubling projects have been sanctioned in Railway Budget 2013-14 but their execution is still to be taken up. Execution of these projects can be taken up after obtaining In Principle approval of Planning Commission and approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

(c) & (d): During last three years and current year, survey for 30 New Line projects covering a length of 3449 kms have been completed. Out of these, 4 projects have been sanctioned and 9 proposals have been sent to Planning Commission for In Principle approval. 4 proposals have been shelved and remaining survey reports (13) are under various stages of examination. Presently, 5 surveys covering a length of 606 km are in various stages of progress. Expenditure of Rs.443.13 lakh has been incurred on these surveys during last three years and current year and Rs.55.4 lakhs have been allocated for 2013-14.

(e): As on 01.04.2013, there are 21 ongoing railway projects in North East Region consisting of 14 New Line, 4 Gauge Conversion, 2 Doubling projects and 1 Railway Electrification projects having a throwforward of Rs.26303 Crore, against which allocation for 2013-14 is Rs. 2244.55 crore. Projects are progressing as per availability of resources. Targets are fixed every year depending upon availability of resources and progress of individual projects. Due to huge throwforward of ongoing projects and fund constraint, target for completion of all projects cannot be fixed.

To expedite completion of projects, a number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through non-budgetary measures like funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries, execution of projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited on Special Purpose Vehicle basis, raising of funds through market borrowing etc. To expedite completion of the above-mentioned projects and to reduce delays on account of land acquisition, security issues and forestry clearances etc., meetings with State Officials at various levels are held from time to time. Field units have been empowered with further delegation of powers and the contract conditions have been modified to bring efficiency in contract management.