

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1247  
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2013  
RAIL LINKS WITH BANGLADESH\  
Das Shri Khagen

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

- (a) the details and the present status of ongoing/pending railway connectivity projects with Bangladesh, project-wise, including Agartala-Akhaura and Agartala-Sabroom sections;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to provide rail connectivity with Chittagong and Feni (Bangladesh) through Sabroom in order to boost trade and commerce between the two countries;
- (c) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways to develop rail connectivity with Bangladesh?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1247 BY SHRI KHAGEN DAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.12.2013 REGARDING RAIL LINKS WITH BANGLADESH

(a): The present status of Agartala-Akhaura & Agartala-Sabroom new line projects are as given below:

Agartala(India)-Akhaura(Bangladesh) (15.061 km), New Line: Project was included in Budget 2012-13 at an anticipated cost of `252 Crore. Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bangladesh has been signed in February, 2013. An outlay of `10 crore has been provided during 2013-14. Work is presently in preliminary stages.

Agartala-Sabroom (110 Km), New Line: Project was included in Railway Budget 2008-09 and has been declared as National Project. Latest anticipated cost of the project is `1141.75 Crore and an expenditure of 497.8 crore has been incurred upto March, 2013. An outlay of `140 crore has been provided during 2013-14. Presently, earthwork, bridges have been taken up. Overall progress is 42.35%.

(b) to (d): Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for providing connectivity of Belonia station on under construction Agartala-Sabroom new line project and Feni (Bangladesh) has been taken up. Ministry of External Affairs has been requested to confirm funding provision for proposed line. Proposal would be considered for sanction, based on outcome of survey report.