

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether rail connectivity of Dhubri, Assam has been affected after closure of the then railway and river route connecting Kolkata via East Bengal (now Bangladesh);
- (b) whether the Railways have received representation from Associations/public representatives for extension/diversion/frequency enhancement/introduction of an inter-city Chair Car train between Dhubri and Guwahati for improving rail services in Assam;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (d) if not, whether the Railways propose to accommodate the said demand in the coming Railway Budget?

Answer

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

(a): After gauge conversion of Fakiragram-Dhubri Metre Gauge line into Broad Gauge, Dhubri is well connected by broad gauge rail network with other parts of the country. However, Railway cannot quantify monetary loss through river route connecting Dhubri with Kolkata via East Bengal (now Bangladesh).

(b) to (d): Representations inter-alia for introduction of new trains/increase in frequency /extension/diversion are received at various levels of Railway administration and action as found feasible and justified, is taken from time to time. However, Indian Railways do not maintain compendium of such representations.

Introduction of new trains/increase in frequency/extension/diversion of trains on Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to the traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc.