

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1052  
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2015  
NEW RAIL LINES  
Ajmal Maulana Badruddin;Ering Shri Ninong

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

- (a) the existing figures in regard to the rail network in the country, State/zone-wise;
- (b) whether the rail network in North-Eastern States is very less especially in Assam as compared to other States of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any survey regarding the proposals of new rail lines have been conducted;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which new rail lines are likely to be laid; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Railways to connect all the North-Eastern States' capitals with rail network?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1052 BY SHRI NINONG ERING AND SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2015 REGARDING NEW RAIL LINES

(a): The existing rail network figures, State/zone-wise, in the country, are given below:-

STATE-WISE ROUTE KILOMETRAGE AS ON 31.03.2014

S.No.	NAME OF STATE	ROUTE KILOMETRAGE			
		B.G.	M.G.	N.G.	TOTAL
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	3592.67	0.00	0.00	3592.67
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	10.41	1.26	0.00	11.67
3	ASSAM	1763.81	703.84	0.00	2467.65
4	BIHAR	3164.61	474.12	0.00	3638.73
5	CHHATISGARH	1108.33	0.00	89.01	1197.34
6	DELHI	183.23	0.00	0.00	183.23
7	GOA	69.31	0.00	0.00	69.31
8	GUJARAT	3506.55	1193.04	558.90	5258.49
9	HARYANA	1613.07	13.58	3.41	1630.06
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	50.48	0.00	245.78	296.26
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR	273.32	0.00	0.00	273.32
12	JHARKHAND	2181.93	0.00	0.00	2181.93
13	KARNATAKA	3281.00	0.00	0.00	3281.00
14	KERALA	977.65	72.09	0.00	1049.74
15	MADHYA PRADESH	4045.25	269.52	661.31	4976.08
16	MAHARASHTRA	5159.89	105.75	459.10	5724.74
17	MANIPUR	0.00	1.35	0.00	1.35
18	MEGHALAYA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	MIZORAM	0.00	1.50	0.00	1.50
20	NAGALAND	11.13	1.72	0.00	12.85
21	ODISHA	2516.02	0.00	0.00	2516.02
22	PUNJAB	2257.61	0.00	11.66	2269.27
23	RAJASTHAN	4868.06	915.56	86.76	5870.38
24	SIKKIM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	TAMIL NADU	3570.63	456.33	0.00	4026.96
26	TELANGANA	1753.00	0.00	0.00	1753.00
27	TRIPURA	0.00	151.40	0.00	151.40

28	UTTARAKHAND	303.08	42.15	0.00	345.23
29	UTTAR PRADESH	8050.42	867.17	2.03	8919.62
30	WEST BENGAL	3827.61	63.31	179.05	4069.97

UNION TERRITORIES					
1	CHANDIGARH	15.70	0.00	0.00	15.70
2	PUDUCHERRY	22.16	0.00	0.00	22.16

TOTAL: ALL INDIA 58176.93 5333.69 2297.01 65807.63

#### RAILWAY-WISE ROUTE KILOMETRAGE AS ON 31.03.2014

S.No.	RAILWAYS	B.G.	M.G.	N.G.	Total
1	CENTRAL	3743.11	0.00	298.61	4041.72
2	EASTERN	2549.82	0.00	91.57	2641.39
3	EAST CENTRAL	3344.11	363.88	0.00	3707.99
4	EAST COAST	2678.87	0.00	0.00	2678.87
5	NORTHERN	6935.58	0.00	260.85	7196.43
6	NORTH CENTRAL	2915.25	11.48	288.59	3215.32
7	NORTH EASTERN	2824.79	1006.61	0.00	3831.40
8	NORTHEAST FRONTIER	2970.02	925.85	87.48	3983.35
9	NORTH WESTERN	4538.29	988.37	0.00	5526.66
10	SOUTHERN	4550.29	528.42	0.00	5078.71
11	SOUTH CENTRAL	5743.48	175.93	0.00	5919.41
12	SOUTH EASTERN	2716.33	0.00	0.00	2716.33
13	SOUTH EAST CENTRAL	1777.62	0.00	711.01	2488.63
14	SOUTH WESTERN	3322.12	0.00	0.00	3322.12
15	WESTERN	4547.54	1333.15	558.90	6439.59
16	WEST CENTRAL	2992.07	0.00	0.00	2992.07
17	METRO RAILWAY	27.64	0.00	0.00	27.64
GRAND TOTAL		58176.93	5333.69	2297.01	65807.63

(b) & (c): Rail network density of Assam is 7.92 km per lakh of population against the national average of 5.44 km. In area terms, the rail network density of Assam is 3.15 km per 100 sq.km. against national average of 2 km. However, rail network in other North-Eastern States is less as compared to national average because of extreme geological challenges in deep Himalayas.

(d) & (e): Surveys for new lines are undertaken on the basis of traffic needs, requests received from State Governments/public representatives etc. from time to time. 12 new line projects having a total cost of ` 33016 crore have been taken up in North Eastern region. Timelines for their completion cannot be given due to huge throwforward of ongoing projects, limited overall availability of funds, extreme geological challenges and law and order situation.

(f): Rail connectivity already exists for capital cities of Assam (Guwahati), Tripura (Agartala) and Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar). Byrnihat-Shillong (108 km), Jiribam-Imphal (125 km), Dimapur-Kohima (88 km) and Bhairabi-Sairang (51 km) new line projects have also been taken up to provide rail connectivity to capitals of Meghalaya (Shillong), Manipur (Imphal), Nagaland (Kohima) and Mizoram (Aizawl) respectively. Sivok-Rangpo New Line has been taken up to connect Sikkim but the proposal to extend this line upto its capital i.e Gangtok has not been taken up.