

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5431
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2015
ELECTRIFICATION AND DOUBLING OF RAIL TRACK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to construct double track rail lines from New Jalpaiguri to Morkukseleng and New Jalpaiguri to Dibrugarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to electrify the railway line from New Jalpaiguri to Dibrugarh and Morkukseleng; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNTARRED QUESTION NO. 5431 BY SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2015 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION AND DOUBLING OF RAIL TRACK.

(a) & (b): Doubling of any section is taken up in phases depending upon traffic density. Accordingly, in New Jalpaiguri - Murkongselek and New Jalpaiguri - Dibrugarh sections, doubling has been taken up in following stretches:

S.No.	Name of project (Rs.in crore)	Latest Anticipated cost
1.	Lumding-Hojai (45 km)	364
2.	Ambari Falakata-New Moynaguri (37 km)	453
3.	New Coochbehar-Samuktala Road (29 km)	441
4.	New Coochbehar-Gumanihat (29 km)	289

An outlay of ` 445 crore has been provided in Budget 2015-16 for these projects.

In addition, following Doubling projects on this section have been included in Budget subject to requisite approvals:

S.No.	Name of project (Rs.in crore)	Latest Anticipated cost
1.	New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya via Rangiya (142 km)	1888
2.	Bongaigaon-Goalpara Guwahati (176 km)	1831
3.	Digarua-Hojai (102 km)	945

An outlay of ` 64 crore has been provided in Budget 2015-16 for these projects.

(c) & (d): The work of electrification of New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon-Rangiya-Guwahati is a part of Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati including Katihar-Barsoi electrification project and the work is entrusted to Central Organization for Railway Electrification (CORE) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for execution. During 2015-16, an outlay of ` 107 crore has been allocated for this project. Depending upon the overall availability of resources, the targets for commissioning of Railway Electrification projects are fixed on yearly basis.

At present, there is no proposal to electrify Guwahati-Lumding-Dimapur-New Tinsukia- Dibrugarh and Rangiya-Rangapara North-Harmuti-Murkongselek rail lines.