

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:470
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2015
BG Line between Lumding to Silchar
Biswas Shri Radheshyam

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has plans to start passenger trains in the newly converted broad-gauge line between Lumding to Silchar within few months and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken for better connectivity of the people of Barak Valley of Assam, Mizoram, Manipur and Tripura with the rest of India;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to construct parallel track from Katihar (Bihar) to Dibrugarh (Assam) for fast connectivity of trains running without delay or halt for crossing in stations and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan for electrification and getting electric trains for the NE States and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 470 BY SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2015 REGARDING BG LINE BETWEEN LUMDING TO SILCHAR.

(a) 55615/55616 Guwahati-Silchar Fast Passenger train via Lumding has been introduced from 21.11.2015.

(b) Barak valley has already been connected with the rest of the country by Broad Gauge. Gauge Conversion of existing metre gauge lines of Badarpur-Kumarghat-Agartala, Kathakal-Bhairabi and Arunachal -Jiribam have been taken up which will provide Broad Gauge connectivity to Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur. Further, to connect the capitals of Mizoram and Manipur, two new line projects viz Bhairabi-Sairang and Jiribam-Imphal have also been taken up.

(c) On this route:

- (i) Barsoi-Raninagar is already a double line section.
- (ii) In Raninagar-Samuktala Road, doubling has been sanctioned.
- (iii) Samuktala-New Bongaigaon is already a double line section.
- (iv) Two independent lines exist between New Bongaigaon & Kamakhya.
- (v) Kamakhya-Digaru is already a double line section.
- (vi) In Digaru-Lumding: Doubling has been sanctioned.
- (vii) Presently, there is no proposal to double Katihar-Barsoi and Lumding-Dibrugarh sections. However, on completion of Bogibeel bridge, a complete alternation route between Rangiya & Dibrugarh will be available.

(d) & (e) With a view to provide faster and seamless rail connectivity to North Eastern Region, electrification of Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati including Katihar-Barsoi (836 Route Kilometers (RKM) has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹821.53 crores in which 223 RKM falls in the State of Assam. The work has been entrusted to Central Organization for Railway Electrification (CORE) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for execution.
