

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY LINES ALONG BORDER  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to extend railway network along the Indo-China border in view of the infrastructural development by China along their border areas;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to extend railway network from Pasighat to Tuting, Tawang and Bomdila in Arunachal Pradesh for swift movement of troops and supplies;
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (e) the expenditure likely to be incurred on these projects; and
- (f) the time by which these projects are likely to be executed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): Ministry of Defence has identified four strategic lines along India-China border viz. (i) Missamari - Tenga - Tawang (378 Km) (ii) Bilaspur - Manali - Leh (498 Km) (iii) Pasighat - Tezu - Rupai (227 Km) and (iv) North Lakhimpur - Bame (Along)-Silapathar (249 Km). Ministry of Railways has requested Ministry of Defence to convey approval to carry out Final Location Survey at a cost of Rs. 345 Crores and provide the necessary funds. None of these projects has been sanctioned. The time of completion and cost cannot be ascertained till completion of the Final Location Survey and detailed geo-technical studies, as all these projects pass through very difficult terrains of young Himalayas.