

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PROJECTS IN NER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of ongoing/pending railway projects including doubling and electrification under North Eastern Railways (NER);
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon;
- (c) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to introduce electric operated locomotives in North Eastern Railways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): At present, there are 7 new lines, 6 gauge conversion, 2 doubling and 3 railway electrification ongoing railway projects under North Eastern Railway. An expenditure of ` 4309 crore has been incurred upto March, 2014 and an outlay of ` 402.65 crore has been provided for these projects for the year 2014-15. Due to huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds, it is not possible to provide adequate funds to all the projects on a regular basis which is a pre-requisite to fix the time lines.
- (d) & (e): Barabanki-Gonda and Chhapra-Siwan-Thawe sections of North Eastern Railway, have already been opened for electric traction.