

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAIN FOR NORTHERN STATES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is aware of lack of rail connectivity to six northern States;
- (b) whether the Railways have taken any decision to provide rail connectivity to the capital cities of all these States;
- (c) if so, the funds earmarked for the above; and
- (d) the number of major railway junctions across the country at present?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Rail connectivity exists for all State capitals except Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Goa. To provide connectivity to capitals of Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram, Byrnihat-Shillong, Jiribam-Imphal, Dimapur-Kohima and Bhairabi-Sairang, new line projects have been taken up. Sivok-Rangpo new line has been taken up to connect Sikkim but the proposal to extend this line upto its capital has not been taken up.

(c): An outlay of Rs. 2005 Crore has been earmarked for these projects during 2014-15.

(d): There are 472 major junction stations in Indian Railways.