

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXTENSION OF BROADGAUGE RAILWAY LINE
Biswas Shri Radheshyam

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the extension of the broad-gauge railway network from Lumding in Assam to Silchar, Badarpur and Kumarghat is being delayed in North Tripura;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Gauge conversion of Lumding-Silchar, Badarpur-Kumarghat Metre Gauge sections has been taken up. It is planned to complete and open this work in two phases.

In Phase I, mega traffic block of Lumding-Badarpur- Silchar (210 km) section has been started with effect from 01.10.2014. Track linking in 134 km length i.e. 78 km from Lumding end and 56 km from Silchar end has already been completed and Railways are making all out efforts to complete the work within the stipulated time.

In Phase II, mega traffic block of Badarpur-Kumarghat section has been planned with effect from 01.10.2015 alongwith the other remaining sections of this project and activities as per targets have been taken up.