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Title: Need to expedite completion of gauge conversion work by the Rangia - Murkongseleek railway line and run two new trains proposed between Kamakhya and Tezpur as well as Rangia and Tezpur in Assam.

SHRI JOSEPH TOPPO (TEZPUR): I am raising the matter regarding immense delay in completion of the Rangia-Murkongseleek gauge conversion Project of Indian Railways. Almost 11 years have been passed since declaration made for gauge conversion of this Railway line in 2002. The conversion work is on very slow pace. The Rangia-Rangapara (126 km) and Rangapara-Tezpur section Project were proposed to be completed by March, 2012. And the proposal to run two new trains between Kamakhya and Tezpur & Rangia and Tezpur which was announced in this year Railway Budget are yet to be made operational. The Rangia-Murkongseleek line is covering most of the rural, under privileged and particularly flood prone areas in Assam. Similarly, it is most important for Army and Air Force personnels' movement, as it is located along 4 Corps HQ and Tezpur Air Base including Missamari Cantonment and even-up to the Indo-Sino border. Hence, I demand upon the Government to intervene into the matter and initiate necessary action for early completion of the Rangia-Murkongseleek Railway Line and expeditiously start operation of new trains announced recently.

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