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Title: Need to operationalise the train services between Rangia and Tezpur in Assam and to expedite conversion work between Rangia and Murkongseleek.

SHRI JOSEPH TOPPO (TEZPUR): I am raising the issue of public importance regarding the need start operationalisation of three new trains that announced in the Railway Budget 2012-13 between Rangia-Rangapara-Tezpur (126 km), a section of Rangia-Murkongseleek gauge conversion project. The Rangia-Murkongseleek Railway line running along the Indo-Chinese border is covering the most backward and sensitive part of our country. Due to gauge conversion work as part of the National Project the train service was discontinued for last three years. Early operationalisation of these train services is very important from defense point of view for movement up to the Indo-Sino border in addition to restoring services to this backward landlocked tribal and flood-prone areas of BTAD, Sonitour, Lakhimpur and Dhemaji district of Assam along-with parts of Arunachal Pradesh.

I, therefore, urge upon to operationalisation of declared new train services between Rangia-Tezpur, for which the gauge conversion work has already been completed and to expedite the conversion work upto Murkongseleek for timely completion in the best interest of the country.

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