

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 725
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS

725. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether completion of various ongoing railway projects are getting delayed resulting in huge cost overrun in NE States specially in Assam;**
- (b) if so, the details of such projects and the reasons for the delay in their execution, State-wise;**
- (c) the details of funds estimated and spent so far on such projects; and**
- (d) the steps taken to expedite the works of these projects?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 725 BY SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2017 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (c): Projects in North Eastern Region have traditionally suffered on account of law and order, difficult geological conditions, less working seasons owing to prolonged rainy season, inadequate fund allotment, delay in land acquisition, forestry and wild life clearances etc. resulting in huge cost overrun in North Eastern States including Assam.

As on date, 21 major railway projects consisting of 15 new lines and 6 doublings have been taken up in North Eastern Region. Details of these projects are as under:

(₹ in crore)

S. No	Project	Name of State	Length (in km)	Anticipated Cost 2017-18	Expenditure upto March 2017	Outlay 2017-18
	NEW LINE					
1	Bogibeel bridge with linking lines between Dibrugarh and North Bank line	Assam	73	4996	4572	300
2	New Moynaguri-Jogighopa New Line with Gauge conversion of new Mal-Moynaguri Road and New Changrabanda-Changrabanda	Assam & West Bengal	289	3010	2528	75
3	Jiribam-Imphal	Manipur	125	6571	5278	1400
4	Dimapur-Kohima	Nagaland	88	2973	237	350
5	Agartala-Sabroom	Tripura	110	2720	1592	404
6	Teteliya-Byrnihat	Assam & Meghalaya	22	496	372	150
7	Bhairabi-Sairang	Mizoram	51	2820	1282	600
8	Sivok-Rangpo	West Bengal & Sikkim	44	4190	536	250

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9	Byrnihat-Shillong	Meghalaya	108	5308	23	200
10	Murkongselek-Pasighat	Assam & Arunachal Pradesh	31	436	209	172
11	Agartala (India) – Akhaura (Bangladesh)	Tripura & Bangladesh	13	887	210	350
12	Dimapur-Tizit*	Nagaland	257	4488	-	1
13	Salona-Khumtai**	Assam	99	5958	-	1
14	Sibsagar-Jorhat**	Assam	62	1296	-	1
15	Tezpur-Silghat**	Assam	25	2015	-	1
	DOUBLING					
1	Lumding-Hojai	Assam	45	364	99	100
2	New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya via Rangiya*	Assam	142	2436	-	10
3	Bongaigaon-Goalpara-Guwahati	Assam	176	2232	40	250
4	Digaru-Hojai	Assam	102	871	30	150
5	Saraighat Bridge (doubling)**	Assam	7	888	-	1
6	Kamakhya-New Guwahati Quadrupling**	Assam	10	3062	-	1

***Project included in Railway Budget 2013-14 subject to requisite Government approvals.**

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(d): Railways have taken various measures to expedite completion of projects including substantial increase in allocation of funds, increased focus on capacity enhancement, last mile connectivity works to ensure that the benefits of development are available to public at the earliest.
