

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3988
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

SURVEY WORK FOR BROAD GAUGE LINES

3988. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Barpeta town of Assam State which is the birth place of Colonel Guru Prasad Das who invented the rail vaccum brake in 1930, is not connected with rail line till now, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted the Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey (PET) survey for the new Broad Gauge line from Jogighopa-Guwahati *via* Barpeta, Hajo and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the survey has been completed and report submitted to Railway Board and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has conducted another survey for Bongaigaon to Aghori *via* Barpeta, Hajo, Sarthebari that has been sanctioned by Railway Board; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the survey?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3988 BY SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2019 REGARDING SURVEY WORK FOR BROAD GAUGE LINES

(a): Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested / saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds. Though Barpeta town is not connected with Railway line but Barpeta Road Railway Station is only 19 km away from the Barpeta town.

(b) & (c): Survey for a new line from Jogighopa to Guwahati via Barpeta-Sarthebari-Hajo (136 km) was completed in 2011-12. As per survey report, cost of the project was assessed as ₹1298 crore with RoR (-)11.95%. Project could not be taken forward as it was financially unviable and Indian Railways having large shelf of ongoing new line projects.

(d) & (e): Survey for a new line from Bongaigaon to Aghori *via* Barpeta, Hajo, Sarthebari (136 km) was completed in January, 2018. As per survey report, cost of the project was assessed as ₹3336 crore with RoR (-) 8.18%. Final view will be taken after complete examination of survey report.
