

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1578  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019**

**BROAD GAUGE TRACKS IN MIZORAM**

**1578. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the laying of Broad Gauge (BG) tracks between Silchar to Sairang (Mizoram) has fallen much beyond the scheduled time; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the exact date of completion of this project?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1578 BY DR. RAJDEEP ROY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2019 REGARDING BROAD GAUGE TRACKS IN MIZORAM**

**(a): Silchar to Sairang Broad Gauge line comprises of 3 projects. Status of these projects is as under:**

**(i) Silchar - Katakhal section (19.71 km) is a part of main Gauge Conversion project [Lumding - Badarpur - Katakhal - Silchar (210 km), Badarpur - Kumarghat (118 km), Arunachal - Jiribam (50 km) and Material Modification for Gauge Conversion of Baraigram - Dullabcherra (29.40 km), Karimganj - Maishashan (10 km) and Karimganj bypass line (3.50 km)].**

**Gauge Conversion of Lumding - Badarpur - Katakhal - Silchar section was commissioned in November, 2015 and the complete project has been commissioned in November, 2017.**

**(ii) Katakhal - Bhairabi Gauge Conversion project (84 km) was commissioned in May, 2016.**

**(iii) Bhairabi - Sairang New Line (51.38 km): Project was sanctioned in 2008-09. Latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹5021 crores. An expenditure of ₹2672 crores has been incurred upto March, 2019. An outlay of ₹750 crores has been provided for 2019-20. Construction work has been taken up throughout the length of the project.**

**(b): Bhairabi - Sairang New Line project is quite challenging as it passes through hilly area and is a Ghat section involving construction of tunnels and tall bridges (more than 70 meter height). Also there is scarcity of construction materials (i.e. sand, stone, chips etc.) which is transported from Assam. Further, around 54 Hectare land is yet to be acquired by the Government of Mizoram for construction of terminal station facilities at Sairang Railway Station.**

**As such, confirmed completion time for project cannot be fixed at this stage.**

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