

(c) The area of land owned by the Railways in Barpeta Road is 44.895 Hectare, out of which 0.056 Hectare is under encroachments. The area of land owned by the Railways in Sarbhog is 56.530 Hectare, out of which 0.084 Hectare is under encroachments.

(d) Railways are engaged in continuous exercise to remove the encroachments.

Survey of New line from Jogighopa to Guwahati

1615. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal of new railway line from Jogighopa to Guwahati via Barpeta, Hajo, Sualkuchi was promised during the last interim railway budget;

(b) if so, the details of proposal and the status of the project;

(c) whether the survey of the said project would be completed during current year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Criteria for allocation of funds to State for Railway Projects

1616. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the detail of total number of railway lines and total kilometres in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any criteria and condition to allocate fund to various States and railway projects;

(c) whether there is any special condition for States which have less railway line, less development and has the potential for investment and direct investment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The total length (route kilometres) in the country as on 31.3.2008 is 63273 kilometres. The State-wise and Gauge-wise details of railway lines are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Route kilometres
1	2	3
(i) State-wise:		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5170
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	2284
4.	Bihar	3407