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7.	2013-14		New Bongaigaon-	New work included in Railway
			Kamakhya via	Budget 2013-14. Work can
			Rangiya (142 km)	commence after approval of
			Doubling	Planning Commission and
				Cabinet Committee on Economic
				Affairs (CCEA).

Constraints of resources, land acquisition problems, delay in forestry clearance, contractual failures, etc. are the main reason of delay in completion of the projects. The targets for completion of projects are generally fixed every year based upon the progress of the projects, their relative priority and availability of resources. A number of steps have been taken to generate extra-budgetary resources through Public Private Partnership, participation by State Government and beneficiaries and implementation of projects by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited to expedite the completion of ongoing projects.

## Operation of Trains during fog

- $\dagger$  1851. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :
- (a) whether Government had given any assurance in the House to improve operation of trains running late due to fog;
  - (b) if so, the reasons for not implementing it so far; and
- (c) if not, the action being contemplated by Government to resolve the problems being faced by passengers due to delay of trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

<sup>†</sup> Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

- (c) The following steps are taken for running trains on time;
  - (i) Monitoring of running of trains at Board, Zonal and Divisional levels, on an almost real time basis through the Integrated Coaching Management System so that timely planning can be done to ensure punctual running of trains on run.
  - (ii) Providing scratch rakes to obviate rescheduling of trains owing to late arrival of link rakes.
  - (iii) Improving Maintenance practices so that trains running late can be returned from platform after the mandatory safety and cleanliness inspections.

## Railway Projects

- 1852. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :
- (a) whether it is a fact that the survey of new railway line between Jogighopa and Aminagaon *via* Barpeta, Hajo is complete;
- (b) whether construction of double line between New Bongalgaon and Kamakhya *via* Rangia is physically under progress;
- (c) if so, the project-wise details total outlay, amount sanctioned, achievement made and target set for completion; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons for delay in execution of the projects.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) A survey of new BG line from Jogighoopa to Guwahati via Barpeta - Sarthebari, Hajo and Saualkuchi has been completed. Report sent to Planning Commission for 'In Principle approval' but the same has been returned in original.

(b) New York has been included in Railway Budget 2013-14 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 1798.00 crore with the proviso that work will be taken up after obtaining requisite approvals of Planning Commission and Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).