

Bogibeel project

471. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Railways to complete the Bogibeel bridge over the Brahmaputra river between Dibrugarh and Dhemaji district; and

(b) whether the Ministry has taken decision on the latest projected date of commissioning of the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Construction of Rail-cum-Road bridge over Brahmaputra at Bogibeel with linking lines (73 km.) has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹4996 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 4129 crore has been incurred upto March, 2016 and an outlay of ₹ 598 crore has been provided in 2016-17.

To expedite the completion of work, the annual outlays have been enhanced, and against an allotment of ₹ 340 crore in the year 2013-14, budget allotments of ₹ 600 crore and ₹ 701 crore have been made in the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

Project is planned to be completed in 2017-18.

Railway projects in West Bengal

472. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various railway projects in West Bengal, the status thereof, project-wise;

(b) the number of projects getting delayed and the reasons therefor, project-wise;

(c) the cost over-run for each delayed project, project-wise; and

(d) the efforts made by Railways to complete the projects within the time schedule or extended time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) At present, Railways have taken up 64 major projects comprising 19 New Lines, 41 Doublings and 04 Gauge Conversions falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal at consolidated latest anticipated cost of ₹ 41932 crore with consolidated outlay of ₹ 2776 crore made for the current financial year. An expenditure of ₹ 12138 crore has been incurred till March, 2016. Details of ongoing Railway projects in West Bengal along with their present status are as under:-