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| West Bengal | 1291 | 2591 |
| Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 2712 | 4642 |
| Chandigarh | 2633 | 3357 |
| Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 1123 | 2671 |
| Daman and Diu | 2436 | 2388 |
| Lakshadweep | 2924 | 3287 |
| Puducherry | 2173 | 3216 |
| ALL INDIA | 1430 | 2630 |

Note: Telangana was not a separate state during the survey period 2011-12

Source: NSS Report No. 555: Level and Pattern of Consumer Expenditure, 2011-12

Explanatory Note:

1. **Household:** A group of person normally living together and taking food from a common kitchen constitutes a household.
2. **Household size:** The size of a household is the total number of persons in the household.
3. **Household monthly consumer expenditure:** The expenditure incurred by a household on domestic consumption during the reference period of one month is the household's monthly consumer expenditure.
4. **Monthly per capita expenditure (MPCE):** In NSS MPCE is defined as the ratio of household monthly consumer expenditure and household size (MPCE=household monthly consumer expenditure/household size). Each individual's MPCE is defined as the MPCE of the household to which the person belongs.
5. **Modified Mixed Reference Period MPCE (MPCE MMRP):** This is the measure of MPCE obtained by the CES when household consumer expenditure on edible oil, egg, fish and meat, vegetables, fruits, spices, beverages, refreshments, processed food, pan, tobacco and intoxicants is recorded for a reference period of "last 7 days", and items of clothing and bedding, footwear, education, institutional medical care, and durable goods is recorded for a reference period of "last 365 days", and expenditure on all other items is recorded with a reference period of "last 30 days".

Construction of double track railway line in Assam

*210. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status regarding construction of double track railway line in Assam and conversion on NBQ (New Bongaigaon) workshop into a full-fledged Coach-cum-Wagon Factory; and

(b) the other steps taken by Government to complete the double track work in Assam in a time-bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) 6 Doubling projects, covering a length of 483 km at a cost of ₹15,388 crore have been taken up in Assam and North Eastern Region, out of which, commissioning of 20 km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹1298 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019. A budget outlay of ₹725 crore has been provided for 2019-20. Details along with present status of these projects are given in the Statement (*See* below).

There is no proposal under consideration at present for conversion of existing Carriage and Wagon Periodical Over Hauling (POH) Workshop at New Bongaigaon (NBQ) to a full fledged Coach-cum-Wagon factory.

(b) Till 2013-14, due to overall limited availability of funds, most of the projects were not progressing satisfactorily. Since 2014-15, based on physical progress of projects, last mile connectivity projects and projects for decongesting the existing routes have been given sufficient funds. For this purpose, funds for capacity enhancement projects have been arranged through institutional financing by tying up loan for ₹1.5 lakh crore for assured funding of viable projects. Thus, there is no constraint of funds for execution of doubling / 3rd line / 4th line projects.

Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in Assam and North Eastern Region during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹5,531 crore per year from ₹2122 crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, the average annual budget allocation during 2014-19 is 261% of average annual budget allocation during 2009-14.

Total allocation of Budget for Infrastructure projects and Safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Assam and North Eastern States, in 2019-20 is ₹4909 crore which is 231% of the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹2122 crore/year).

Thorough review of throughput enhancement projects has been carried out and with focused approach, the projects have been prioritized into Super Critical, Critical and other throughput enhancement projects. All out sincere and focused efforts are being made by Railway for quick execution of these projects so as to get early returns to Railway.

In the overall interest of the Nation and to ensure that projects are completed in time without cost overrun, lot of monitoring is done in Railways at various levels (field level, Divisional level, Zonal level and Board level) and regular meetings are held with

the officials of State Government and concerned authorities regarding quick land acquisition, forestry clearances, tackling law and order issues and to resolve the pending issues that are obstructing the progress of projects.

Statement

Details alongwith present status of 6 doubling projects in Assam and North Eastern Region:

| Sl. No. | Name of project with length (km) | Length (km) | Latest Anticipated Cost (₹ in Cr.) |
|---------|--|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Lumding-Hojai | 45 | 651 |
| | Present Status: Expenditure of ₹410 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019. Budget outlay of ₹200crore has been provided for 2019-20. Project completed and commissioned in July, 2019. | | |
| 2. | New Bongaigaon - Agthori via Rangiya | 143 | 2043 |
| | Present Status: Budget outlay of ₹50 crore has been provided for 2019-20. Project sanctioned in the month of July, 2019. Preliminary activities taken up. | | |
| 3. | New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya via Goalpara | 176 | 2182 |
| | Present Status: Expenditure of ₹495 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019. Budget outlay of ₹225 crore has been provided for 2019-20. Earthwork and works of major bridges and minor bridges have been taken up in available land. | | |
| 4. | Digaru-Hojai | 102 | 2136 |
| | Present Status: Expenditure of ₹393 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019. Budget outlay of ₹250 crore has been provided for 2019-20. Earthwork and works of major bridges and minor bridges have been taken up. | | |
| 5. | Saraighat Bridge (doubling) | 7 | 2253 |
| | Present Status: Project included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. | | |
| 6. | Kamakhya-New Guwahati Quadrupling | 10 | 6124 |
| | Present Status: Project included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. | | |