

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3502
ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

SIVOK- RANGPO RAIL PROJECT

3502 MS. DOLA SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Environmental Impact Assessment has been conducted to assess the potential effects of the Sivok- Rangpo Rail Project on the environment for the construction of 14 tunnels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to ensure the safety and well-being of the individuals and communities likely to be displaced due to the ongoing project;
- (d) if so, the details of the compensation and rehabilitation measures of the communities; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3502 BY MS. DOLA SEN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 31.03.2023 REGARDING SIVOK- RANGPO RAIL PROJECT

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Detailed Design Consultants have been appointed to conduct the Environment Impact Studies to assess potential effect of Sivok-Rangpo new line project (44 km) on the environment. They have conducted the Environment Impact Studies and given Environment Management Plan. Continuous monitoring is being done and remedial measures have been taken during project execution to avoid any adverse impact on the environment.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. 72 families were displaced/relocated due to land acquisition for Sivok-Rangpo new line project. These families were given alternative land by State Government and compensation amount of ₹106.43 crore was also given to these families through State Government of West Bengal and Sikkim.
