

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LOW QUALITY MATERIAL USED FOR GAUGE CONVERSION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether for the newly upgraded Broad gauge track between Guwahati and Dibrugarh have the optimum speed limit is 60 km/hr. against the normal Broad gauge speed of 110 to 120 kms;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; (
- (c) whether it is largely attributable to the low quality material used in upgrading this track meter gauge to broad gauge;
- (d) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry into the low quality material used for the conversion;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a) and (b): At present, the maximum sectional speed of Guwahati-Dibrugarh section (559km.) is 100 km/h except Guwahati-Kamrupkheri (45 km.), Lumding-Dimapur (69 km.) and Tinsukia-Dibrugarh (44 km. Group-E route)- Sections where it is 90 km/h, 80 km/h, and 75 km/h respectively on account of many high degree curves as the section is on difficult terrain.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d) to (f): Do not arise.