

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LAYING OF NEW RAIL LINE BETWEEN NAGINIMORA AND DIMAPUR

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Naginimora Railway Station, which was constructed in 1920 was shut down in 1980;
- (b) if so, the fact and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government are aware that this Railway Station has been the main source of transportation of industrial raw-material, coal timber, boulders and agricultural products to different parts of the country;
- (d) if so, whether there is a plan to connect this line with Dimapur by laying a rail-line via Chumukedima and Tuli;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not the reasons thereof; and
- (g) the measures being taken by the Railways to improve the transportation in this foot-hill region of Nagaland?

Answer

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

- (a) to (b) Naginimora Railway Station was closed with effect from 22.06.1990 after Simaluguri Jn-Naginimora branch line was damaged by floods in 1989 resulting into suspension of train services on this section.
- (c) During 1989, average loading of timber at Naginimora was only about 3300 quintals per month. While there was piecemeal traffic of timber and boulders, volume of outward traffic from Naginimora was negligible.
- (d) to (f) Presently, there is no plan to connect Naginimora with Dimapur by laying a railway line via Chumukedima and Tuli. The traffic for Naginimora can be handled at nearby Simaluguri Jn. Railway Station.
- (g) The Dimapur-Amguri-Simaluguri-Namrup Broad Gauge main line, running parallel to the foot-hills of Nagaland, serves the transportation needs of this region.