

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DHUBRI FAKIRAGRAM RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Dhubri-Fakiragram railway line has been closed ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ;
- (c) the total length of railway line proposed to be converted to broad gauge line alongwith the estimated expenditure thereon;
- (d) the amount released so far and the achievement against the fund released;
- (e) when the work on Golakganj bridge was started on this railway line and the time by which it is likely to be completed; and
- (f) the time by which the entire work on Dhubri-Fakiragram line is likely to be completed ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a)&(b): The line is closed since 2000-01. The closure was done due to law and order problem. At present, gauge conversion has been taken up.
- (c)&(d): Fakiragram-Dhubri (66 kms) has been planned for conversion.This is a part of New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon including branch lines gauge conversion project.The total expenditure on the project upto 31.3.06 has been Rs.770.56 crore. An outlay of Rs.35 crore has been provided for the project during 2006-07.
- (e) : Golakganj Bridge is under New Maynaguri-Jogighopa rail line project.The bridge is likely to be completed by March, 09.
- (f): Dhubri-Fakiragram is targeted for completion during 2008-09.