

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3191
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2004
METRE GAUGE BROAD GAUGE RAIL LINES IN NER
Gao Shri Tapir

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of metre gauge/ broad gauge rail lines in terms of route in kilometres in NER at present ;
- (b) the details of such rail lines, area-wise; and
- (c) the steps Government propose to take for development, promotion and expansion of railway lines in the State of Arunachal Pradesh during the current financial year ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3191 BY SHRI TAPIR GAO TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.8.2004 REGARDING METRE GAUGE/BROAD GAUGE RAIL LINES IN NER.

(a)&(b): The total length of Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge rail lines (route kilometres) in North East Region (latest available as on 31.3.2003) is given below:-

States in North East Region	Length of railway lines (route kilometres)		
	Broad Gauge	Metre Gauge	Total
Arunachal Pradesh	-	1.26	1.26
Assam	1227.70	1289.53	2517.23
Manipur	-	1.35	1.35
Meghalaya	-	-	-
Mizoram	-	1.50	1.50
Nagaland	11.13	1.72	12.85
Tripura	-	64.42	64.42
Total	1238.83	1359.78	2598.61

(c) The work of new line from Harmuti to Itanagar (33 kms) is already included in the budget. However, State Government of Arunachal Pradesh requested for change of alignment of the new line from Bedeti to Itanagar (45 kms) in lieu of Harmuti - Itanagar. The survey for this changed alignment is in progress. An amount of Rs. 2 crore has been provided for this project in the budget 2004-05.