

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3551
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2014
NORTH EAST TRAIN TOURS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to provide rail connectivity to all the capital cities of the North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof and funds earmarked for the purpose;
- (b) whether the Railways also propose to introduce train tours to the North-Eastern States for students across the country at subsidized rates in order to increase the mobility and people-to-people interaction towards these States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3551 BY SHRI GANGA RAJU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2014 REGARDING NORTH EAST TRAIN TOURS.

(a): Rail connectivity already exists for capital cities of Assam (Guwahati), Tripura (Agartala) and Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar). To provide connectivity to capitals of Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram, following new line projects have been taken up:

(Rupees in crores)

S.No.	State	Capital	Name of project	(length)	Outlay 2014-15
1.	Meghalaya	Shillong	Byrnihat-Shillong	(108 km)	50
2.	Manipur	Imphal	Jiribam-Imphal	(125 km)	1750
3.	Nagaland	Kohima	Dimapur-Kohima	(88 km)	50
4.	Mizoram	Aizawl	Bhairabi-Sairang	(51 km)	200
5.	Sikkim	Gangtok	Sivok-Rangpo	(44 km)#	50

#Sivok-Rangpo New Line has been taken up to connect Sikkim but the proposal to extend this line upto its capital i.e Gangtok has not been taken up.

(b) & (c): Concessions are already admissible to students as per Rule in regular train services. Besides, instructions have been issued to grant 10% additional concession in the base fare of second and sleeper class to eligible students in special trains/coaches booked by Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) on Full Tariff Rates (FTR) from any part of the country to the North Eastern States including New Jalpaiguri. Moreover, from 18th to 20th December, 2014, Indian Railways has proposed to run a train requisitioned on Full Traffic Rates (FTR) chartered by Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) for the students and teachers of Delhi University between Delhi and Kamakhya (Guwahati) of Assam state.