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Title: Need to expedite pending rail and road projects in Assam.

KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV (SILCHAR): The three districts of Assam, Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi remain land locked due to the delay in the following projects:

The conversion of Silchar-Lumding railway line to broad gauge under the North East Frontier Railway, which is a national project pending for 18 years. This project requires adequate momentary provisions in the coming budget to meet the target set for completion in March, 2015. The East West corridor from Saurashtra to Silchar is also delayed due to want of environmental clearance from the National Wild Life Board and Minister of Environment and Forests as the 31 km stretch from Harangajao to Balachera is notified as a Wild Life Sanctuary in Dima Hasao district.

Further, the NHAI is required to repair NH 44 from Malidore to Jowai in Meghalaya and the Ministry of DoNER needs to provide the subsidy to Civil Aviation Ministry to continue the ATR services to Silchar, Assam.