



Double Tracking of North East Frontier Railway

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Doubling is taken up when the routes are saturated. They are taken up in phases depending upon traffic density. As on date, 5 doubling projects have been taken up in North Eastern Region covering 472 km of route length. Details of these projects are as under:

S.No.	Name of project	Latest Anticipated Cost (Rs in crore)	Outlay 2017-18 (Rs in crore)	Remarks
1.	Lumding-Hojai (45 km)	364	100	Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up.
2.	New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya via Rangiya (142 km)	1888	10	Work included in Budget 2013-14 subject to requisite Government approvals.
3.	Bongaigaon-Goalpara-Guwahati (176 km)	2232	250	Contracts for earthwork, major & minor bridges awarded.
4.	Digarua-Hojai (102 km)	871	150	Earthwork, major & minor bridges have been taken up.
5.	Saraighat Bridge doubling (7 km)	888	1	The work has been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals. FLS has been sanctioned.

With a view to providing faster and seamless rail connectivity on electric traction of North East States falling in North East Frontier Railway, electrification of Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati including Katihar-Barsoi (836 route kilometers) and Kumedpur-Malda Town-Singhabad & Pakur-Malda (153 route kilometers) has been sanctioned. The work has been entrusted to Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for execution.

In addition to above, 04 Railway Electrification projects which falls in North East Frontier Railway have also been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to mandatory approvals and sanctions.

S.No.	Project	Route Kilometers	Anticipated cost (Rs in crores)
1.		656	890.36

	Guwahati-Dibrugarh via Tinsukia and Simaluguri-Dibrugarh		
2.	New Bongaigaon- Agthori via Rangiya	143	137.90
3.	Raninagar-Jalpaiguri- Samuktala Road (2 nd line)	129	123.19
4.	New Bongaiaon- Golpara-Kamakhiya	175	282.23

Electric traction has started in Katihar Yard on North East Frontier Railway after commissioning of Barauni-Katihar section on electric traction on 31.03.2017. Further, Katihar-Kumedpur Malda Court (117 Route Kilometers) is planned for commissioning on Electric traction during 2017-18.

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