

INITIATIVES OF RAILWAYS IN NORTHEASTERN REGION

Movement of Essential Commodities by Railways to Northeastern Region

Following quantities (in tones) of essential commodities have been moved to Northeast Frontier Railway during the period 2009-10 & 2010-11 (upto May).

Commodities	2009-10	2010-11 (upto May)
FCI/Foodgrain	2604304	509600
Trade Account/ Foodgrain	294609	53079
Salt	278460	55200
Sugar	456840	49800
Cement	1229580	308880
Edible Oil	87971	26344
I/Goods	352760	70200
Bitumen	100843	8003
Fertilizer	264270	24960
Others	1775703	355534
Total	7445340	1461600
Monthly Avg.	620445	730800

Thus there has been a monthly increase of 17.8 % in the induction of various essential commodities to North Eastern Region.

Electrification of Rail Tracks in Northeastern Region

Electrification is in progress on 836 route kilometres of Barauni-Kathihar-Guwahati including Katihar-Barsoi rail line at a cost of Rs. 821.53 crore.

As announced in the Railway Budget 2010-11, feasibility studies for electrification of rail tracks on Kumedpur-Pakur section and New Bongaigaon-Jogighopa-Kamakhya section will be undertaken

Ongoing Signalling Works in Northeastern Region

In order to modernize the signalling system, 17 stations of Northeastern Region including big stations/yards like Dibrugarh Town,

Lumding Junction and Makum Junction have been taken up for provision of Electrical/Electronic interlocking to facilitate quicker and safer train operation.

Initiatives taken by Railways for promotion of tourism in Northeastern Region

Tourism packages in operation

- Rail Tour Packages for Darjeeling Kalimpong, Gangtok, North Sikkim, West Sikkim, Lava-Lolegaon, Dooars, Arunachal, Guwahati, Shillong and Kaziranga.
- 10 varieties of Customized Packages from NJP/Bagdogra covering North East Sector.
- Hill Chartered Train from New Jalpaiguri /Bagdogra covering North East Sector.
- Hill Chartered Train from New Jalpaiguri to Darjeeling.
- Hotel & Resort booking at Darjeeling Kalimpong, Gangtok, North Sikkim, West Sikkim, Lava-Lolegaon, Dooars, Guwahati and Shillong.
- Car & Coach booking at above spots.

Plans for further tourism in Northeast

- Tourism packages covering Sevak and Congpo area.
- To promote rail tour packages at remote villages of West Sikkim like Rinchingpong, BNorang, Glazing.
- Tea Tourism-West Sikkim-Namchi : Temity Tea Garden-Darjeeling,
- To develop packages with especial emphasis on Assam and Meghalaya.
- Trekking package at North Sikkim (Lachung to Yumthang Valley).
- Educational Tour in North East region.

Initiatives taken by Medical Department of Railways for Northeastern Region

- Treatment centres for Swine Flu has been set up at Central Hospital/Maligaon/Northeast Frontier Railway.
- For better environments, Mechanised cleaning have been introduced in all the Divisions of NFR both at station and colonies.

- Regular community health check up programmes are organised at work place of employees. In hospitals multi purpose health check up are organised.
- To provide tertiary medical care to Railway employees, private hospitals are empanelled.
- Ministry of Railways has signed MoU with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. OPD and Diagnostic centres at Railway station premises, Secondary Level Hospitals and Tertiary level Hospitals shall be established at the Railway land, which is not operationally required by the Railways, by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Initiatives of Railways regarding Safety in Northeastern Region

To prevent collision cases and to minimize the extent of damage caused by collisions, Anti collision Device has been installed and operationalized on 1736 route kilometres of North East Frontier Railway. After installation of Anti-Collision Device, collision cases reduced considerably. In the year 2007-08 and 2008-09, collision cases on North East Frontier Railway was Nil.

Some initial teething problems in operationalisation of Anti-Collision Device on North East Frontier Railway have been experienced. Therefore, revised specifications for Anti-Collision Device are being framed. Improved Anti-Collision Device system with revised specifications is further planned to be installed for trial on Southern, South Central and South Western Railways covering 1,600 route kilometres.
