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Governor for expediting the railway project

Itanagar, Feb. 28: Continuing his monitoring of projects under Prime Minister's economic package to Arunachal Pradesh, Governor Gen JJ Singh undertook an aerial inspection to see the progress of work of the Itanagar-Harmoty railway project on Feb 28 last. Accompanied by Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg, Special Secretary (Transport) Sonam Chombay, Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner Pige Ligu and Northeast Frontier Railway Deputy Chief Engineer S. Kanojia, Governor saw the sites of Borum-Tarajuli (Naharlagun) main station and Gumto sub-station, Gumto yard, progress of works of the bridges and earth works of the track all along route upto the Harmoty point. The team also saw the work progress of Trans Arunachal Highway near Capital Complex, **reports PRO to Governor.**

Interacting with the officials, Governor suggested for two-shift work schedule as the weather is good and also asked the railway officers to expedite works of the civil works of the railway stations. We are losing working season, he added.

Everything should be done in parallel and synchronized manner and if necessary I will take up the matter with my counter part in Assam, Gen Singh said when apprised of the slow pace of progress in the Assam section of the project. Railway is a major infrastructure that integrates our country, he opined.

Governor expressed displeasure on the board gauzing work of Assam section connecting the Arunachal link.

Earlier Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner Pige Ligu briefed the Governor on the work progress in Arunachal Pradesh section of the project. Giving details on the 11.29 km part of the 20 km broad gauge railway line, Ligu apprised the Governor on land acquisition and other administrative matters.

Northeast Frontier Railway Deputy Chief Engineer S. Kanojia informed that for the 11.3 km, 103.8 hectare of land was acquired and handed over, whereas in 8.7 km part in Assam, of the 36.4 hectare acquired land only 12.43 hectare was handed over. Of the 12 major bridges in the 20 km route, 7 are in Arunachal part including one over Dikrong River. There are 45 minor bridges with 21 of it in Arunachal part.

Kanojia further informed that there will be two stations in the route, main station near Naharlagun and sub station at Gumto. The main station will have two high level passenger platforms, circulating area with paved approach road and one goods siding with goods circulating area. The Gumto sub station will have one high level passenger platforms and circulating area with paved approach road, he added.

Northeast Frontier Railway Deputy Chief Engineer also informed that rails have arrived and sleepers will be arriving very soon **adds the PRO.**

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