

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

The efforts of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa to improve the railway service in the State has paid off as the coaches of Naharlagun-Guwahati Inter City Express have been replaced with brand new coaches, the coaches of the Naharlagun New Delhi AC Express have been mostly replaced with new ones, catering provision in the Naharlagun Station has been made and railway staff position strengthened with the positioning of Station Master. This was informed by Northeast Frontier Railway General Manager Shri R.S. Virdi when the Governor reviewed the railway projects in the State under Northeast Frontier Railway at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The General Manager further informed that cleanliness is being closely monitored and security aspect is also being taken care.

The Governor commended the Northeast Frontier Railways for compliance of his observations, which he took up with the Prime Minister of India and the Union Railway Minister.

The Governor suggested for keeping quota of seats for people of the State in the Naharlagun New Delhi AC Express, particularly for emergencies for both to and fro journeys. Availing seats from such provision must be well publicized so that the common people can avail of the services. He also suggested for AC First Class to be introduced in daily intercity express between Naharlagun and Guwahati.

The Governor advised the Northeast Frontier Railway General Manager to explore provision to run the Naharlagun New Delhi Express on daily basis and Inter City Express twice a day.

Going through the PowerPoint presentation, the Governor said that railway projects will not only strengthen the communication, but also help in cultural and religious tourism in the State.

On Bogibeel Bridge, the Governor said that people of Arunachal Pradesh are interested in early completion of the bridge as it will highly benefit them. He urged the railway officials to increase the pace of work manifolds to expedite the progress and ensure early completion. General Manager informed that Bogibeel Bridge will be commissioned by June 2017.

Earlier, Northeast Frontier Railway General Manager Shri R.S. Virdi gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Railway projects in the State. Briefing the Governor on railway projects in the State, the GM, NF Railways requested the Governor to fast track the land acquisition process for Murkongselek-Pasighat railway project to which the Governor gave his full assurance. The General Manager also briefed on the proposed projects for which survey has been initiated. It includes Missamari-Tawang Railway-line project, Pasighat-Tezu-Parasuramkund- Rupai Railway-line project, North Lakhimpur-Aalo-Silapathar Railway-line project. The Governor asked the railway team to expedite the projects.

The General Manager NF Railway requested the State Government for provision of land for Railway office cum rest house in Itanagar.

Secretary to Governor Shri Shurbir Singh, Secretary Transport, Shri Talem Tapok, Director Planning, Shri Mokir Ori and Director Transport, Shri Nyali Ete along with Rangia Divisional Railway Manager Shri Radhey Raman, NF Railway Chief Personal Relation Officer, Shri PJ Sharma, Senior Divisional Engineer Shri JP Singh and Senior Divisional Security Commissioner Shri Akhilesh Verma were also present in the meeting among others.

PRO to Governor  
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