The Central Government has appointed the Secretary of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) as the competent authority for the proposed 69.05-km Kokrajhar–Gelephu railway line. The notification covers Kokrajhar and Chirang districts, including Kokrajhar, Sidli and Bengtol areas.

The project is expected to provide Bhutan with its first railway link to India, strengthening cross-border connectivity and creating opportunities for trade, tourism and regional economic cooperation.

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