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# Adventz Group's Texmaco bags Rs 200 crore Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link Project

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KOLKATA: Adventz Group's Texmaco Rail & Engineering Limited has bagged the Rs 200 crore project to construct the 45-km dual gauge line between Agartala in Tripura and Akhaura, a sub-district of Chittagong in Bangladesh. The project is scheduled to be completed in 18 months.

Part of India's \$4.5 billion third line of credit extended to Bangladesh for its infrastructure and social sector development, the Agartala-Akhaura rail project will lend full connectivity from east to west of Bangladesh, apart from enabling trade relations between the two

neighbours. Once completed, the railway link is expected to cut the distance between Agartala and Kolkata by more than 1,000 km. In addition, it will also enhance India's access to Chittagong port, considered to the heart of Bangladesh economy.

Elaborating on the project, Texmaco Rail & Engineering executive director Sandeep Fuller said, the Agartala-Akhaura railway link is a watershed project in more ways than one. The rail link will not only boost bilateral trade and cooperation between the two countries, but will also affect 'transformation through transportation'. For Tripura, the railway line will mean enhancing regional access in ways other than by air or the states national highway, NH44.

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The company's specialised engineering, procurement and construction unit Kalindee Railway Nirman (Engineers) Ltd will execute the Agartala-Akhaura project. The project includes construction of railway stations and associated work in cross-border areas of Karimganj district in Assam and Maulavibazar district in Bangladesh. Track-laying would be as per the high standards of railway construction specifications and with the ability to carry 25-tonne axle load to enable transportation of heavy goods and commodities between the countries.

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