

MEGHALAYA

EAST KASHI HILL DISTRICT

LIGHT RAILWAYS

Cherra – Companyanj State Railway

MEGL01

Cherrapunjee Mountain Railway 1884-1886
Cherra – Companyanj State Railway 1886 – 1901

Situated on the southern side of the Khasia hills. Starting at Companyanj on the Pivan river, a navigable tributary of the Surmah river. The line ran 6¼ miles northwards to Therria Ghat. The next section was a 4 mile mountain section made up of seven rope worked inclines with a rise of 3616 feet. The final section was a 3½ mile loco worked terminus at Cherrapunji. The line was renamed when the section to Therria Ghat was opened to traffic. The inclines never worked satisfactorily so this section and the section to Cherrapunji were never opened to traffic. With an earthquake in 1897 and severe flooding in 1899, the line was eventually abandoned in 1901.

Reference: IL III

Gauge: 2'6"

1	0-4-2T	JF	5014	1885
2	0-4-2T	JF	5015	1885
3	0-4-2T	JF	5488	1887
4	0-4-2T	JF	5489	1887

Dwara-Therria Light Railway

MEGL02

Ran from Dwara Bazar north-eastwards to Therria Gap on the Cherra – Companyanj State Railway. The main traffic was to be limestone. The promoter died in 1904 and the company building the line went into liquidation in 1909. All of the locomotives and rolling stock were brought by the **Dehri Rohtas Light Railway**. The locos were supplied via **George Yule & Co.**

Reference: IL III

Gauge: 2'6"

1	0-6-2T	AE	1457	1902
2	0-6-2T	AE	1458	1902
3	0-6-2T	AE	1459	1902