

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 792**  
**ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023**

**ODISHA RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED (ORIDL)**

792 DR. PRASHANTA NANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) number of new rail projects accorded to the Odisha Rail Infrastructure Development Limited (ORIDL) and its present status, project-wise;
- (b) details of the ORIDL rail projects approved by the Railways to be taken up for pre-investment activities, name of the projects and its status;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Phullbani District Headquarter is missing in detailed project report (DPR) of the Gopalpur-Sambalpur new rail line project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 792 BY DR. PRASHANTA NANDA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 08.12.2023 REGARDING ODISHA RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED (ORIDL).**

(a) & (b): Odisha Rail Infrastructure Development Limited (ORIDL) is a company controlled by the Government of Odisha (51%). It has identified following 5 projects for development.

1. Gopalpur – Rairakhhol New Line
2. Naraj Marthapur – Kaipadar Road new line by passing Bhubaneswar
3. Banspani – Barbil New Line
4. Bargarh Road – Nawapara Road New Line
5. Buramara – Chakulia

In – Principle approval for taking up the pre investment activities had been granted to ORIDL by the Railway Board for all above 5 projects. Present status of the projects are as under:-

Sr. No.	Project Name	Status
1.	Gopalpur – Rairakhhol New Line	Draft Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Gopalpur-Rairakhhol New Line Project (270 Km) has been prepared by ORIDL.
2.	Naraj Marthapur – Kaipadar Road new line by passing Bhubaneswar.	Draft Detail Project Report (DPR) of Naraj Marthapur – Kaipadar Road project (69.5 Km) has been prepared by ORIDL and is under consideration of the Board of ORIDL.
3.	Banspani – Barbil New Line	Draft Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Banspani – Barbil New Line Project was prepared by ORIDL.
4.	Bargarh Road – Nuapada Road New	Draft Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Bargarh Road – Nuapada Road New Line project was prepared by ORIDL.

	Line	<p>However, on request of Government of Odisha, Board has decided to assign this project to East Coast Railway for further action.</p> <p>Accordingly, Detailed Project Report for a new line between Bargarh Road and Nawapara Road (Nuapada) via Padampur (138.32 km) has been prepared. Govt. of Odisha has proposed to provide land free of cost for the whole project and financial grant of Rs. 300 crore (Three Hundred crore).</p>
5.	Buramara – Chakulia	<p>In-Principle approval (IPA) was given to ORIDL for this project with condition that any debt repayment burden would not be borne by Ministry of Railways. This condition had not been agreed by ORIDL. Therefore, Board had decided to withdraw the In – Principle approval (IPA) granted to ORIDL for taking up pre investment activities for the project and has assigned this project to South Eastern Railway.</p> <p>Accordingly, DPR for new railway line from Buramara to Chakulia has been prepared. Govt. of Odisha has agreed to provide land free of cost for this project of Odisha portion.</p>

(c) & (d): Final Location Survey and draft DPR for Gopalpur-Rairakhol New Line Project has been prepared by M/s ORIDL, a company controlled by Government of Odisha. Connectivity with various enroute cities/towns shall be proposed/finalized by Government of Odisha.

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