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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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RAIL NETWORK TO CONNECT PARADIP, DHAMRA AND KOLKATA PORTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any plans to connect Paradip, Dhamra and Kolkata Ports through a dedicated rail network to enhance connectivity and facilitate cargo transportation;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed railway routes including expected timelines for implementation; and
- (c) whether Government has held any consultations with the relevant State Governments and port authorities regarding this initiative?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Paradip port, Dhamra port and Kolkata port (Haldia) are already connected with the Indian Railway network. Further, to improve rail connectivity to these ports, the following works/surveys have been sanctioned:

Paradip Port

- (i) Paradip-Badabandha 3rd & 4th Line (19 Km) has been sanctioned and work has been taken up.
- (ii) Cuttack-Paradip Automatic Signaling work.
- (iii) Rail flyover between Paradip-Siju has been sanctioned.
- (iv) Survey of 3rd & 4th line between Cuttack and Badabandha section (72 Km) has also been sanctioned.
- (v) Survey work of doubling between Haridaspur-Paradip (74 Km) has been completed and DPR has been prepared.

Dhamra Port

- (i) Survey work of Jajpur Keonjhar Road-Dhamra Port via Jajpur & Aradi (96 Km) new line has been taken up.

Haldia (Kolkata) Port

- (i) To improve rail connectivity to Haldia (Kolkata) port, survey of Tamluk-Panskura 3rd and 4th line has been sanctioned.

Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw forward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.
