

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3964
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**PROPOSAL FOR RAILWAY OVERBRIDGES IN BARIPADA AND GOODS
TRAIN FROM BANGIRIPOSHI**

3964 DR. SASMIT PATRA:
SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal of Government to construct railway overbridges at Baghada Road, Palabani Square and Station Bazar in Baripada Town;
- (b) if so, the timeline for the completion of these projects and the funds allocated for the same;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to run goods trains from Bangiriposhi to other parts of the State and the country; and
- (d) if so, the plans and expected timelines for initiating such services?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): The status of the Road over Bridges (ROBs)/ Road under Bridges (RUBs) works at Baghada Road, Palabani Square and Station Bazar in Baripada Town is as under:

(i) Baghada Road: The work of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of Level crossing (LC) No. RB-39 at Baghada Road on Rupsa Bangriposi section has been sanctioned at the cost of ₹ 48.66 Cr on cost sharing basis. This work is being executed on dual entity basis i.e., Railway portion by Railways and approaches by State Govt. The work of preparation of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) has been taken up.

(ii) Station Bazar: The work of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No. RB-36 at Station Bazar on Rupsa Bangriposi section has been sanctioned at the cost of ₹ 69.42 Cr on cost sharing basis. This work is being executed on dual entity basis i.e., Railway portion by Railways and approaches by State Govt. GAD has been approved. On the

request of State Govt., the work of preparation of revised GAD to minimize land acquisition has been taken up.

(iii) Palabani Square: The work of preparation of Technical Feasibility Report / Detailed Project Report (TFR/DPR) for the construction of ROB/RUB in lieu of LC No. RB-34 at Palabani Square has been taken up. Further action depends upon after finalization of TFR/DPR.

Further, completion & commissioning of ROB/RUB works depends on various factors like fixing of approach alignment, approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD), land acquisition, removal of encroachment, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, duration of working season in a year for the particular project / area due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the projects/works.

(c) & (d): Bangriposi is a terminal station of Rupsa-Buramara-Bangriposi single branch line (89 kms). Rupsa station is situated between Balasore and Kharagpur on Howrah-Chennai trunk route. Rupsa-Bangriposi branch line was earlier Narrow Gauge (NG) line which was later converted into Broad Gauge. Presently, there are only two crossing stations and 8 halt stations between Bangriposi and Rupsa. To improve the connectivity and capacity of the section, following works have been sanctioned:

(i) Bangriposi to Gorumahisani new line (86 kms) at a cost of ₹ 2269 cr.

(ii) Buramara-Chakulia new line (60 kms) at a cost of ₹ 1459 cr.

(iii) Badampahar - Kendujhargarh new line (82 kms) at a cost of ₹ 1876 cr.

These projects will significantly improve the connectivity in Odisha.
