GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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HINTERLAND CONNECTIVITY TO PORTS AND PORT-LED DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA

1274.SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to strengthen road, rail and multi-modal hinterland connectivity to major ports in Odisha, including Paradip, Dhamra and Gopalpur;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether any assessment or estimation has been made regarding the impact of such connectivity on the reduction of logistics costs, promotion of port-led industrial and economic development and generation of employment for local populations in Odisha; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (b) Government has undertaken various connectivity projects to strengthen hinterland connectivity to the ports in Odisha including Paradip, Dhamra and Gopalpur. These include upgradation and widening of national highways, new and additional rail lines, auto-signaling, rail over bridge, waterways connectivity and multi-modal logistics park. A list of completed, under implementationand under planning projects identified to strengthening road and rail connectivity to ports in Odisha is available at annexure.

(c) to (d) The implementation of connectivity projects leads to reduction in logistics costs, promotion of port-led industrialization, economic development, generation of direct and indirect employment. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways undertakes comprehensive review and consolidation of all port road-rail connectivity projects with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and Ministry of Railways (MoR) under Comprehensive Port Connectivity Plan (CPCP) from time to time including projects in Odisha.

Annexure

Ports Connectivity Projects in the State of Odisha

Sl. No.	Project Name	Port	Status
1	Road cum flyover crossing BOT rail tracks to access to MCHP areas	Paradip	Completed
2	Road connectivity between Duburi and Panikoili	Paradip	Completed
3	3rd railway line from Jakhapura to Haridaspur	Paradip	Completed
4	New rail line bridge between Jajpur and Sukindarailway stations	Paradip	Completed
5	Doubling of rail line from Rajatgarh to Barang	Paradip	Completed
6	New rail line from Jharsuguda to Barpalli	Paradip	Completed
7	New rail line from Haridaspur to Paradip	Paradip	Completed
8	Doubling of rail line from Titlagarh to Sambalpur	Paradip	Completed
9	New rail line from Angul to Sukhinda	Paradip	Completed
10	Development of rail connectivity for BOT berths at Paradip	Paradip	Completed
11	Decongesting Raipur-Visakhapatnam viaTitlagarh	Paradip	Completed
12	Doubling of rail line from Sambalpur to Talcher	Paradip	Completed
13	Doubling of Banspani-Daitari-Tomka-Jakhapura	Paradip	Completed
14	4 lane upgradation of Duburi- Chandikhole- Paradip via NH53	Paradip	Under implementation
15	3rd rail line Bhadrak - Vizanagagram	Paradip	Under Implementation
16	Flyover between Siju-Paradip - 6.2 Km	Paradip	Under Implementation
17	Chord rail line between Dhanmandal and Chandikhole	Paradip	Under Implementation
18	3rd and 4th rail line from Budhapank- Salegaon via Rajatgarh	Paradip	Under Implementation
19	3rd rail line between Bhadrak - Nergundi	Paradip	Under Implementation
20	3rd & 4th rail line between Jarapaada - Budhapank with flyover at Talcher	Paradip	Under Implementation

Sl. No.	Project Name	Port	Status
21	New rail line Talcher-Bimlagarh	Paradip	Under Implementation
22	Development of NW-5 (Phase -1) Talcher to Dhamra and Paradip on Brahmani and Mahanadi River from Paradip - Dhamra to Pankapal	Paradip, Dhamra	Under Implementation
23	Doubling of Haridaspur-Paradip rail line	Paradip	Under Planning
24	Development of railway infrastructure from Amarda Road station to Subarnarekha Port	Subarnarekha	Under Planning
25	Development of road connectivity from Chhatrapur on NH-16 to Gopalpur Port	Gopalpur	Under Planning
26	4 lane upgrade of NH 720 for Duburi-Bamnipal-Keonjhar corridor	Paradip Port	Under Planning
27	Road connectivity from Jamujhari on NH-16 to Dhamra port via Basudevpur	Dhamra	Under Planning
28	Road cum flyover serving as 2nd exit to the Paradip port	Paradip	Under Planning
29	Tangi to Paradip 4 lane road upgrade	Paradip	Under Planning

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