

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1559
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2026

**UNSERVED DISTRICTS AND MAJOR GROWTH CENTRES IN ODISHA REQUIRING
RAIL CONNECTIVITY**

1559 SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any comprehensive study to identify unserved districts and major growth centres in Odisha requiring rail connectivity; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) and (b):

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Railway Budget:

Budget allocation in recent years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹ 838 Cr./year
2026-27	₹ 10,928 Cr. (More than 13 times)

Track Construction:

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha is as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks per year
2009-14	267 Km	53 Km
2014-26	2,236 Km	186 Km (More than 3.5 times)

Project Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 55 projects (19 New Lines and 36 Doubling/Multi-tracking), of a total length of 4,256 Km, costing ₹ 81,739 crore, falling fully/partly in Odisha, are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of sanctioned Projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (in Km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'26 (in Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'26 (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	19	1,544	277	7,288
Doubling/Multi-tracking	36	2,712	1,309	21,675
Total	55	4,256	1,586	28,963

Recently Completed Projects:

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in Odisha are as under:

S. No.	Name of Project	Cost (In Crores of ₹)
1	Daitari-Banspani New Line and Jakhapura-Haridaspur 3 rd Line (179 Km)	1,317
2	Jharsuguda - Sardega New Line (53 Km)	1,598
3	Haridaspur-Paradeep New Line (82 Km)	2,397
4	Angul-Sukinda New Line (104 Km)	2,834
5	Champa-Jharsuguda 3 rd Line (152 Km)	1,227
6	Sambalpur-Titlagarh Doubling (182 Km)	2,262
7	Rourkela-Jharsuguda 3 rd Line (101 Km)	1,313
8	Banspani- Jakhapura Doubling (164 Km)	1,827
9	Sambalpur-Talcher Doubling (174 Km)	1,539
10	Raipur - Titlagarh Doubling (203 Km)	1,171
11	Jharsuguda-Sardega Doubling (50 Km)	3,200

Ongoing Projects:

Further, some of the main projects falling fully/partly in Odisha which have been taken up are as under:

S. No.	Name of Project	Total Cost (In Crores of ₹)
1	Junagarh-Nabarangpur New Line (116 Km)	2,865
2	Nabarangpur-Jeypore New Line (41 Km)	748
3	Jeypore-Malkangiri New Line (130 Km)	2,344
4	Malkangiri – Pandurangapuram New Line (174 Km)	3,592
5	Buramara-Chakulia New Line (60 Km)	1,459
6	Gunupur-Therubali New Line (74 Km)	1,166
7	Puri - Konark New Line (32 Km)	492
8	Badampahar-Kendujhargarh New Line (82 Km)	1,876
9	Bangriposi-Gorumahisani New Line (86 Km)	2,269
10	Bargarh Road-Nawapara Road New Line (138 Km)	2,622
11	Nergundi - Vizianagaram 3 rd Line (385 Km)	4,963
12	Vizianagram-Titlagarh 3 rd Line (265 Km)	6,996
13	Sambalpur - Jarapada 3 rd and 4 th line (127 Km)	3,574
14	Budhapank- Salegaon via Rajatgarh 3 rd & 4 th Line (170 Km)	3,035
15	Kottavalasa-Koraput Doubling (189 Km)	3,580

S. No.	Name of Project	Total Cost (In Crores of ₹)
16	Koraput-Singapur Road Doubling (165 Km)	2,462
17	Jagdulpur-Koraput Doubling (107 Km)	1,547
18	Jharsuguda-Bilaspur 4 th line (206 Km)	2,596
19	Jharsuguda-Sason 3 rd and 4 th line (35 Km)	1,113
20	Bondamunda-Ranchi Doubling (159 Km)	3,029
21	Narayangarh-Bhadrak 3 rd line (153 Km)	3,425
22	Bhadrak-Nergundi 3 rd Line (92 Km)	1,632
23	Cuttack-Nergundi 4 th line along with Rail flyover at Nergundi (16 Km)	759
24	Dangoaposi-Jaroli (Banspani) 3 rd & 4 th Line (43 Km)	1,638
25	Jarapada- Budhapank 3 rd & 4 th Line with flyover at Talcher (101 Km)	929
26	Flyover from Bondamunda A Cabin to Bondamunda Link B Cabin (5 Km)	135

In last three years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and current financial year 2026-27, 31 surveys (14 new line and 17 doubling) covering a total length of 3,042 Km has been sanctioned falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha.

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- Anticipated traffic projections and Remunerativeness of the proposed route
- First and last mile connectivity provided by the project
- Connection of missing links and providing additional route
- Augmentation of congested/saturated lines
- Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,
- Railway's operational requirements
- Socio-economic considerations
- Overall availability of funds

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- Land acquisition
- Forest clearance
- Shifting of infringing utilities
- Statutory clearances from various authorities
- Geological and topographical conditions of area
- Law and order situation in the area of project site
- Number of working months in a year for particular project site etc.

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.
