

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 770**  
**ANSWERED ON 24.07.2026**

**TALCHER BIMALAGARH RAILWAY PROJECT**

770 SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year in which the decision was taken for the construction of Talcher- Bimalagarh railway line along with the cost of the project at the initial stage;
- (b) the year by which the above said project is likely to be made operational;
- (c) the present status of the said project and the total area of Government land, forest land and private land acquired for that particular project; and
- (d) the quantum of fund sanctioned and the amount of money spent on this said project till now; and
- (e) the year in which the project will be operational?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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(a) to (e): Talcher-Bimalgarh (150 Km) new line project passes through north Odisha covering Angul, Deogarh and Sundargarh Districts. This project was included in the Budget 2003-04 at a cost of ₹ 727 Cr. However, execution of the project is affected due to resistance in land acquisition and court cases in this regard.

The latest cost of the project is ₹ 3,390 Cr. Expenditure of ₹ 1,901 Cr. have been incurred on this project upto March, 2026. An outlay of ₹ 950 Cr. has been provided for the financial year 2026-27.

The Status of land acquisition for the project is as under:-

| SN | Type of Land | Scope(Ha) | Acquired (Ha) | Balance (Ha) |
|----|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1  | Private      | 419       | 342           | 77           |
| 2  | Forest       | 274       | 269           | 05           |
| 3  | Government   | 170       | 146           | 24           |
| 4  | Total        | 863       | 756           | 107          |

Section wise status of the project is as under:-

| SN | Section                        | Satus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Talcher – Khamar (48 Km)       | Commissioned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2  | Khamar – Golabandha (35 Km)    | <p>110 Ha out of 137 Ha requisite land have been acquired. Works have been taken up in available land.</p> <p>41 out of 61 minor Bridges have been completed and works have been taken up on balance minor Bridges.</p> <p>3 out of 11 ROBs have been completed and works have been taken up on balance ROBs.</p> <p>12 out of 16 RUBs have been completed and works have been taken up on balance RUBs.</p> |
| 3  | Golabandha – Mahuldiha (35 Km) | 69 Ha out of 113 Ha requisite land have been acquired.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4  | Mahuldiha – Bimalgarh (32 Km)  | <p>108 Ha out of 134 Ha requisite land have been acquired. Forestry and Wildlife clearances received. Works have been taken up in available land.</p> <p>39 out of 72 minor Bridges have been completed and works have been taken up on balance minor Bridges.</p> <p>12 out of 25 RUBs have been completed and works have been taken up on balance RUBs</p>                                                 |

## ODISHA

### 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Line (152 Km)                                  | 1,227                 |
| 6      | Sambalpur-Titlagarh Doubling (182 Km)                                            | 2,262                 |
| 7      | Rourkela-Jharsuguda 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Line (385 Km)                                       | 4,963                       |
| 12     | Vizianagram-Titlagarh 3 <sup>rd</sup> Line (265 Km)                                         | 6,996                       |
| 13     | Sambalpur - Jarapada 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> line (127 Km)                      | 3,574                       |
| 14     | Budhapank- Salegaon via Rajatgarh 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Line (170 Km)           | 3,035                       |
| 15     | Kottavalasa-Koraput Doubling (189 Km)                                                       | 3,580                       |
| 16     | Koraput-Singapur Road Doubling (165 Km)                                                     | 2,462                       |
| 17     | Jagdalpur-Koraput Doubling (107 Km)                                                         | 1,547                       |
| 18     | Jharsuguda-Bilaspur 4 <sup>th</sup> line (206 Km)                                           | 2,596                       |
| 19     | Jharsuguda-Sason 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> line (35 Km)                           | 1,113                       |
| 20     | Bondamunda-Ranchi Doubling (159 Km)                                                         | 3,029                       |
| 21     | Narayangarh-Bhadrak 3 <sup>rd</sup> line (153 Km)                                           | 3,425                       |
| 22     | Bhadrak-Nergundi 3 <sup>rd</sup> Line (92 Km)                                               | 1,632                       |
| 23     | Cuttack-Nergundi 4 <sup>th</sup> line along with Rail flyover at Nergundi (16 Km)           | 759                         |
| 24     | Dangoaposi-Jaroli (Banspani) 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Line (43 Km)                 | 1,638                       |
| 25     | Jarapada- Budhapank 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Line with flyover at Talcher (101 Km) | 929                         |
| 26     | Flyover from Bondamunda A Cabin to Bondamunda Link B Cabin (5 Km)                           | 135                         |

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.

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