

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 308  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2016**

**NEW RAIL PROJECTS**

**\*308. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:  
SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have received proposals from various States including Odisha for sanction/approval of new lines to be connected to major cities and towns and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of proposals approved so far; and**
- (c) the details of proposals pending for approval along with the reasons for not approving the said proposals?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)**

**(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 308 BY SHRIMATI RITA TARAI AND SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2016 REGARDING NEW RAIL PROJECTS**

**(a) to (c): Proposals/representations from State Governments, Ministries of Central Government, Elected representatives, organizations/road users etc. both formal and informal are received by Railways at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Headquarters etc. As receipt of such complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained.**

**The proposals received from various organizations, State Governments, elected representatives form an important basis to ascertain requirement of projects. After scrutiny of demands, wherever feasible, surveys for such demands of New Lines are taken up. Based on the outcome of the survey, projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands. However, it is not feasible to maintain data for fulfillment and pendency of such demands and no time frame or commitment can be given for approval of all pending proposals. Since railway projects generally straddle over more than one State, these are not sanctioned State-wise.**

**As on 01.04.2016, a total of 166 ongoing New Lines projects spread across the country including the State of Odisha have been taken up for construction of 18,592 Km of New Line at a cost of ₹ 2,47,840 Crore. For 2016-17, budgetary allocation of ₹ 14,166 Crore has been made for these New Line projects. Out of these, eight new line projects costing ₹11,676 Crore for construction of 1174 Km of New Line are falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha for which a budgetary allocation of ₹755 Crore has been made for the current financial year. This includes two New Line projects included In Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite approval for which Ministry of Railways has entered into an MoU**

with Government of Odisha for Cost Sharing. The details of these two projects are as under:-

- (i) Jeypore-Malkangiri (130 Km) - State Govt. sharing 25% cost of the project.
- (ii) Jeypore-Navrangpur (38 Km) – State Govt. sharing 50% cost of the project & giving land free.

The total outlay for 2016-17 for the State of Odisha for New Line, Gauge Conversion & Doubling is ₹4,464 Crore which is 228% more than the outlay provided for the year 2014-15.

Further, in anticipation of Government of Odisha coming forward to take up projects through Joint Venture, 4 New Line projects have been included in Capital Investment Programme of 2016-17 (incorporated as annexure to the 'Pink Book' of sanctioned works) at an anticipated cost of ₹7607 Crore. Details of these four New Line projects are as under:-

S.No.	Name of project	Railway	Length (in Km)	Cost (₹ in cr)
1	Behrampur-Sambalpur	ECoR	270	2957
2	Junagarh-Ambaguda via Navrangpur	ECoR	145	2900
3	Banspani-Barbil	ECoR	17.5	350
4	Barson-Banspani/ Narayangarh	ECoR	52	1400

In this regard, MoU and Joint Venture Agreement have been signed between Government of Odisha and Ministry of Railways to undertake mutually identified rail infrastructure projects for project development, resources mobilization and monitoring.

The capital expenditure for railways has been increased from ₹54,000 Cr in 2013-14 to around ₹94,000 Cr in 2015-16. For 2016-17, a plan size of ₹1,21,000 crore has been kept.

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