

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1259
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

EXTENSION OF NUAPADA-GUNUPUR RAILWAY LINE

1259. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the extension of Nuapada – Gunupur railway line upto Therubali railway project;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to sanction the project and mitigate delays including the timeline when the project is likely to be made operational;**
- (c) the current status of Jeypore-Nabarangpur and Jeypore-Malkangiri new rail line projects; and**
- (d) the reasons for delay in completion of the above projects and the steps taken by the Government to expedite the project?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1259 BY SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2022 REGARDING EXTENSION OF NUAPADA-GUNUPUR RAILWAY LINE

(a) and (b): Extension of Nuapada-Gunupur line upto Therubali (79.15 km) was included in the Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals. Government of Odisha was requested to share 50% cost of construction and to provide land free of cost. Government of Odisha has agreed only for providing land free of cost. Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project has been prepared. As per DPR, the cost of the project is approx. ₹1165.89 crore excluding the cost of land. DPR of the project has been taken up for firming up the results thereon. At present, the project is not sanctioned, as such, no time line can be fixed for making it operational.

(c): Jeypore-Nabarangpur (41 km) new line has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with the State Government of Odisha, in which State Government of Odisha has to provide land free of cost and has to share 50% construction cost of the project. The cost of the project is ₹748 crore. An outlay of ₹81 crore (Capital- ₹46 crore + Deposit- ₹35 crore) has been provided in the Budget 2022-23.

Project involves land acquisition of 313 Ha Private Land, 36 Ha Govt. land and forest land diversion 3.93 Ha land. Land acquisition has been taken up. Govt. of Odisha has to expedite the land acquisition process.

Jeypore-Malkangiri (130 km) new line project has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with the State Government of Odisha, in which

State Government of Odisha has to share 25% cost of the project. The cost of the project is ₹2344 crore. An outlay of ₹13.80 crore (Capital- ₹11 crore + Deposit- ₹2.80 crore) has been provided in Budget 2022-23.

Project involves land acquisition of 467 Ha Private Land, 211 Ha Govt. land and forest land diversion 469 Ha land. Land acquisition has been taken up. Govt. of Odisha has to expedite the land acquisition process.

(d): Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project/s site etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, Railway is making all effort for expeditious completion of project/s.
