

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4748  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023**

**COAL EVACUATION RAILWAY PROJECT**

**†4748. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:  
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen Indian Railways infrastructure by commissioning fourteen critical coal evacuation railway projects for quick transportation to reduce transportation cost of domestic coal;**
- (b) if so, the names of the projects selected for the said purpose;**
- (c) the present progress and status of these projects;**
- (d) whether the Railways is also considering to develop/construct a dedicated freight corridor to supply coal to power generation plants across the country and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Railways has identified such corridors and studied its feasibility and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4748 BY SHRI MAHABALI SINGH, SHRI RAVI KISHAN, SHRI KHAGEN MURMU AND SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2023 REGARDING COAL EVACUATION RAILWAY PROJECT**

**(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Details of these projects are as under:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Length (km)</b>	<b>Present Status</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Third Line from Tori to Shivpur</b>	<b>44.37</b>	<b>Work taken up. Physical progress - 70%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Doubling of Jharsuguda - Barpali Sardega Rail Link at Ib Valley Coalfield of MCL</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>Jharsuguda-Kechobahol (20 Km) doubling commissioned. Work taken up in balance section.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Rail connectivity of Lingaraj SILO with existing Deulbera Siding at Talcher Coalfield of MCL</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Railway line from Bhadrachalam to Sattupalli</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Railway line from Shivpur to Kathotia</b>	<b>49.09</b>	<b>Work taken up. Physical Progress - 22%</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>(Phase-I) Kharasia - Korichapar-Dharamjaigarh(122 Km) (Phase-II) Dharamjaigarh - Urga(63 Km)</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>106 Km Commissioned. Balance Work Taken up.</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Doubling of East-West Rail Corridor (Gevra Road - Pendra Road)</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>Work taken up. Physical Progress - 37%</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited (MCRL)(Phase-I &amp; Phase-II) Angul-Balram Rail Link(Phase-I), Balram - Putagadia - Jarapadia - Tentuloi Rail Link (Phase-II)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>Angul-Balram Rail Link(Phase-I) Completed. Phase-II - Preliminary Activity taken up.</b>

9	<b>Doubling of Rail line from Singrauli to Shaktinagar via Karaila Road.</b>	45	<b>Karaila – Singrauli (13 Km), Krishnashila-Shaktinagar (11 Km) and Karaila-Anpara (11 Km) commissioned. Work taken up in Anpara – Krishnashila (10 Km) section.</b>
10	<b>Doubling of Singrauli to Mahadiya and Mahadiya to Katni Section</b>	260	<b>133 km Commissioned. Work taken up in the balance section.</b>
11	<b>Third line from Patratu - Tori - Son Nagar in Barkakana-Barwadih-Garhwa Road section</b>	291	<b>38.5 Km Commissioned. Work taken up in the balance section.</b>
12	<b>Fourth line from Jharsuguda to Bilaspur</b>	206	<b>58 Km commissioned. Work taken up in the balance section.</b>
13	<b>Doubling of DFC-Dadri to Son Nagar &amp; extension upto Koderma</b>	1100 (appx.)	<b>886 Km commissioned.</b>
14	<b>Third and fourth lines from Talcher to Budhapank and Third line from Budhapank to Rajathgarh</b>	72	<b>3rd line between Budhapank – NTPC Block Cabin (8.8 Km) and 4<sup>th</sup> Line between Talcher - Budhapank(6.87 Km) Commissioned. Work taken up in balance section.</b>

**(d) & (e): Presently, Ministry of Railways is implementing two Dedicated Freight Corridors namely, Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Dadri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (1506 km.). Currently, 1749 km out of 2843 km of Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) has been completed. The Eastern DFC will mainly cater to coal, cement, finished steel and other bulk commodities. Eastern DFC will facilitate faster evacuation of coal from the eastern part of the country for the Thermal Powerhouses located in northern hinterland. Ministry of Railways has also**

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**sanctioned for the survey and preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for new Dedicated Freight Corridors on the following routes and the outcome of DPRs would be the primary basis for considering for these new DFC corridors: -**

**(i) East-Coast Corridor: from Kharagpur to Vijayawada (1078 Km)**

**(ii) East-West corridor :-**

**a) From Palghar to Dankuni (2106 Km)**

**b) From Rajkharsawan to Andal (200 Km)**

**(iii) North-South sub-corridor : from Itarsi to Vijayawada (931 Km)**

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