

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2270
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

JUNAGARH – NABARANGPUR RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

2270. SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current estimated cost for the completion of the Junagarh and Nabarangpur railway line project;**
- (b) the date when the project was started and the expected date of completion;**
- (c) the total amount of funds released by the Union Government and the Government of Odisha, separately, for the construction of the Junagarh and Nabarangpur railway line till date;**
- (d) whether the State Government has released its complete share of funds required for the completion of the project; and**
- (e) if so, the reasons for delay in the completion of the said project and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2270 BY SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2023 REGARDING JUNAGARH – NABARANGPUR RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

(a) to (e): Final Location Survey (FLS) for Junagarh – Nabarangpur New Line (116 Km) Project has been completed and Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared. As per the DPR, the Estimated Cost of the Project (2022-23) is ₹ 2864.51 Crore. At present, the project is not sanctioned, as such, no time line for commencement of work and fund allocation can be ascertained at this stage.

The 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 site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s), which is finally worked out at the completion stage.

Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti Directorate in Ministry of Railways and Gati Shakti Units in divisions (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.