

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 145  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

**RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN KANDHAMAL DISTRICT**

**\*145. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:**

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives undertaken by the Railways to establish Railway Infrastructure in Kandhamal District;**
- (b) the status of the survey proposed to be conducted/actually conducted in this regard;**
- (c) the measures that have been taken by the Government towards ensuring railway connectivity by extending the Khurda-Bolangir railway line by 39 KMs to Puruna Cuttack; and**
- (d) the details of the action taken by the concerned officials in this regard?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 BY SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN KANDHAMAL DISTRICT**

**(a) to (d): The Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State /District wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/District boundaries.**

**As on 01.04.2023, 35 Projects (12 New Lines, 1 Gauge Conversion and 22 Doubling) of total length 4,257 Km, costing ₹52,189 crore, falling fully/partly in Odisha including Kandhamal District are in planning/approval/construction stage.**

**As on 01.04.2023, 64 nos. of survey works (26 New Line & 38 Doubling) have been taken up having total length 3414 km, falling fully/partly in the state of Odisha. Demands of Railway Projects are raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives and Railways' own requirements. They 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.**

**Railway Projects in Odisha are covered under East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway zones of Indian Railway.**

**Rail connectivity for Kandhamal District is proposed to be provided by Rairakhol – Gopalpur new line. Rairakhol – Gopalpur new line project is being developed by Odsiha Rail Infrastructure Development Limited (ORIDL). ORIDL is a company controlled by the Government of Odisha, having 51 % equity ownership in ORIDL. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Rairakhol – Gopalpur New Line has been prepared by ORIDL.**

**Purunacuttack is a proposed station in the ongoing Khurda Road – Bolangir New Railway Line project (289 Km) and the work of Purunacuttack station has been taken up with all clearances. Out of 289**

**Km, 142 Km (Daspalla to Khurda – 106 Km and Bolangir to Khambeswarpalli – 36.4 Km) has been commissioned.**

**Completion of 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 of the project(s), which is finally worked out at the completion stage.**

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