

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1737
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA

1737. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of all railway projects/railway line/doubling of tracks in the state of Odisha which cover the districts of Kalahandi and Nuapada for the last nine years;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated to the state of Odisha on various projects in the above said districts, year/project-wise during the last nine years;**
- (c) whether any railway projects are pending for the State of Odisha and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the efforts taken by the Railways to complete the pending projects in Odisha including the above districts; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any five year plan for railway projects in Odisha 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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1737 BY SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA

(a) to (e): 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 Kalahandi and Nuapada districts are in planning/approval/construction stage.

Railway Projects in Odisha are covered under East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway zones of Indian Railway. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of Projects falling fully/partly in State of Odisha.

Budget Allocation:

Period	Budget Outlay	% change w.r.t. avg. annual allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹838 Cr./Yr	-
2023-24	₹10012 Cr.	1095% more

Commissioning

Period	Total length commissioned (in km)	Average km/year	% change in commissioning since 2009-14
2009-14	267 km	53.40 km	-
2014-23	1583 km	175.90 km	229% more

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.

Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti Directorate in the Ministry and Gati Shakti units in field, (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 (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.
