

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2819
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

NANDIGRAM RAIL LINE PROJECT

2819. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railway board has given permission for Nandigram Rail Line project of West Bengal under South Eastern Railway;**
- (b) if so, the present status of the project; and**
- (c) the time by which it is proposed to be operationalised?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2819 BY SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING NANDIGRAM RAIL LINE PROJECT

(a) to (c): Deshpran-Nandigram new line project (17 km) was sanctioned in 2009-10. The project was kept in abeyance because of lack of support from the State Government. Considering the needs of the area, work has been restarted in April, 2023.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for Infrastructure and safety works and commensurate commissioning of Projects falling fully/partly in State of West Bengal.

Budget Allocation:

Period	Budget Outlay	Increase w.r.t. annual allocation of 2013-14
2013-14	₹1604 Cr.	-
2023-24	₹11970 Cr.	More than 7 times

During 2014-23, 1137 km (113 km new line, 151 km Gauge conversion and 873 km doubling) sections falling fully/partly in West Bengal have been commissioned at an average rate of 126.33 km per year.

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.