

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2920  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

**RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BOLANGIR CONSTITUENCY**

**2920. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:**

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

- (a) the details of railway stations in the Bolangir Parliamentary Constituency;**
- (b) the details of railway projects/works planned, ongoing and pending in the said constituency;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans for development of these railway stations with modern infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to augment the rail network/connectivity/infrastructure and train services in the said constituency; and**
- (e) if so, the steps being 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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2920 BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BOLANGIR CONSTITUENCY.**

**(a) to (e) : The Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State/District/Parliamentary Constituency wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/District/Parliamentary constituencies boundaries. As on 01.04.2023, 35 Projects (12 New lines, 01 Gauge Conversion and 22 Doubling) of total length of 4,257 km, costing ₹52,189 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Odisha 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 Railway website.**

**Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for safety and infrastructure works and commensurate commissioning of Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha.**

**Budget Allocation:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Budget Outlay</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t avg. annual allocation of 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹838 Cr./Yr</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>₹10012 Cr.</b>	<b>Approx. 12 times</b>

**Commissioning:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total length commissioned (in km)</b>	<b>Average km/year</b>	<b>Increase in commissioning since 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>267 km</b>	<b>53.40 km</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2014-23</b>	<b>1583 km</b>	<b>175.90 km</b>	<b>More than 3 times</b>

**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, etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s.**

**Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. So far, 1309 Railway Stations have been identified over Indian Railways under this scheme. In all, 57 stations in the State of Odisha including 04 numbers of stations viz. Balangir, Harishankar Road, Kantabanji and Titlagarh Jn. have been identified for development under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.**

**The scheme involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc., keeping in view the necessity and requirement at each station.**

**The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.**

**As the Railway network straddles across constituency boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, augmentation of train services on Indian Railways is an on-going process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc. Accordingly, 18311/18312 Sambalpur – Banaras Express has been extended upto Visakhapatnam, w.e.f. 22.11.2023, with scheduled stoppages at Titlagarh & Balangir stations of Balangir Constituency. Besides 22861/22862 Howrah-Kantabanji Express has also been introduced, w.e.f . 16.08.2022, to improve connectivity in this area.**

**Various steps has been 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 unit 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.**

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