

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.538  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

**EXTENSION OF NUAPADA-GUNUPUR RAILWAY LINE**

**538. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:**

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

- (a) the current status of the extension of Nuapada-Gunupur railway line upto Therubali railway project;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to sanction the project and mitigate delays; and**
- (c) the time by which the said project is likely to be made operational?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c): Extension of Naupada-Gunupur line upto Therubali (73.62 km) was included in the Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals. Government of Odisha was requested to share 50% cost of construction and to provide land free of cost. Government of Odisha has agreed only for providing land free of cost. Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project has been prepared. As per DPR, the cost of the project is approx. ₹1165.89 crore excluding the cost of land.**

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