

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1460  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021**

**EXTENSION OF NUAPADA-GUNUPUR RAIL LINE**

**1460. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:**

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Odisha has sent a proposal to Railways to bear 50 per cent of cost for extension of Nuapada-Gunupur line upto Therubali due to poor rate of return and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Railways has advised the State Joint Venture of Odisha to get bankability examined at their end and come up with a financial model;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) the time by when the project would be made operational; and**
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a): No, Sir. State Government of Odisha was requested to share 50% cost of project and provide land free of cost. However, they have given consent for providing land free of cost only.**

**(b) to (e): Ministry of Railways has requested ORIDL (Odisha Rail Infrastructure Development Limited), State JV (Joint Venture) company to explore financial viability and feasibility to undertake the project. Further consideration of project is possible after receipt of report from ORIDL.**

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