

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2626
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA

2626. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering to sanction the missing link projects namely Bangiriposi-Gorumahisani in Mayurbhanj District and Buramara-Chakulia in Odisha and Jharkhand to provide the much needed connectivity to augment the existing Railway network;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government of Odisha has offered land free of cost for the Odisha portion of the above projects to make them viable considering greater interest of the people and the State?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Proposals of two new lines connectivity namely Buramara - Chakulia (55 km) and Bangriposi - Gorumahisani (62 km) have been examined. Buramara - Chakulia new line has been found preferable to Bangriposi - Gorumahisani new line due to its better alignment, passing through populous region and flat terrain. State Government of

Odisha has offered to provide land free of cost in both the projects alignments for the Odisha portion.

Buramara - Chakulia Road New line project (55 Km) has been identified by Odisha Rail Infrastructure Development Limited (ORIDL) a Joint Venture Company of Government of Odisha (51%) and Ministry of Railways (49%) for development. The proposal of ORIDL has been taken up for grant of in-principle approval for taking up pre-investment activities.

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