

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1261
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BALANGIR

1261. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway stations in the Balangir Parliamentary Constituency;**
- (b) the details of railway projects/works planned, ongoing and pending in Balangir;**
- (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 also has any plans to augment the rail network/connectivity and train services in the constituency; and**
- (e) if so, the other 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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1261 BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BALANGIR

(a) : Railway stations in the Balangir Parliamentary Constituency are Harisankar, Turekela Road, Kantabanji, Muribahal, Rahenbata, Titlagarh, Sikir, Badmal, Saintala, Deogaon Road, Balangir, Loisinga, Khaliapali, Dungalipali and Bichhupali.

(b) to (e) : Railway Projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise, not constituency wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across constituency boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, 37 Projects costing ₹55,219 crore for 4,643 km length falling fully/partly in Odisha including falling in Balangir constituency are under different stage of planning/approval/execution, out of which 928 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹16,903 crore has been incurred upto March 2021. These include:

(i) 11 New Line Projects covering a length of 1,460 km at a cost of ₹20,346 crore, out of which 112 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,789 crore has been incurred upto March 2021.

(ii) 1 Gauge conversion Project covering a length of 159 km at a cost of ₹1455 crore, out of which 90 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹184 crore has been incurred upto March 2021.

(iii) 25 Doubling Projects covering a length of 3,024 km at a cost of ₹33,418 crore, out of which 726 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹12,930 crore has been incurred upto March 2021.

Apart from the above, all minimum essential amenities as per Railway Board norms are available at stations falling in Balangir Parliamentary Constituency except High level platforms at Muribahal, Rahenbata and Sikir stations for which the work is already in progress.

Further, to provide better connectivity to the Howrah-Titlagarh-Kantabanji sector, it has been decided to extend 12871/72 Howrah-Titlagarh Ispat Express upto Kantabanji 4 Days in a week. Besides, introduction/extension/increase in frequency of train services are an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources, etc.
