

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2383  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

**RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA**

**†2383. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:**

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

- (a) whether Odisha has agreed to provide free land for the new rail projects; and**
- (b) if so, the details of commitments made for such lands and the present status thereof; project-wise?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2383 BY SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA.**

**(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Government of Odisha has entered Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Railways to provide land free of cost for two ongoing New Railway Lines. The details are as under;**

**(i) Khurda Road-Bolangir new line project (289 km): The anticipated cost of this project is ₹3792 crore. Govt. of Odisha has to provide land free of cost and sharing 50% cost of project from km 112 to km 289 from Khurda Road. Railway has taken up the work on Khurda Road-Bolangir New Line (289 km). An expenditure of ₹1497 crore has been incurred on the project upto March'21 and an outlay of ₹1000.50 crore has been provided in the financial year 2021-22. So far, 92 km length (Khurda Road to Mahipur (77 km) and Bolangir to Bichupalli (15 km)) of the project has been commissioned. Work has been taken up in Mahipur-Nuagaon-Buguda (45 km), Purunakatak-Boudh-Sonepur (65 km) and Sonepur-Jahrtarbha-Bichupalli (37 km).**

**This project involves acquisition of 6162 acre land and diversion of 1844 acre forest land, out of which 5333 acre land has been acquired and diversion of 170 acre forest land has been completed. Further, State Govt. has to acquire 829 acre land and diversion of 1674 acre forest land.**

**(ii) Jeypore-Nabarangpur new line project (38 km): Jeypore-Nabarangpur (38 km) new line was included in Budget 2016-17. Project is sanctioned on cost sharing basis with the State Government of Odisha in which State Government of Odisha has to provide land free of cost and has to share 50% construction cost of the project. The**

latest cost of the project is ₹748 crore. An outlay of ₹15.70 crore has been provided in the Budget 2021-22.

Project involves land acquisition of 772.19 acre Private Land, 87.77 acre Govt. land and forest land diversion 9.70 acre land. Land acquisition work has been taken up.

Railway has substantially increased budget allocations and commensurate commissioning for Infrastructure projects & safety works. Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Odisha, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,126 crore per year from ₹838 crore per year (during 2009-14). Thus, the average budget allocation during 2014-19 is 392% more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14 (₹838 Cr/Year). These allocations have been enhanced to ₹4,568 crore in 2019-20 (445% more than any annual budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹5,296 crore in 2020-21 (532% more than the average annual allocation of 2009-14). During 2021-22 highest ever budget outlay of ₹6471 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 672% more than the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹838 Cr/Year).

There is substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014. During 2009-14, 267 km section (56 km of New line, 83 km of Gauge conversion and 128 km of Doubling), falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha, have been commissioned at an average rate of 53.40 km per year. These commissioning during 2014-21 has been increased to 1031 km (251 km of New line and 780 km of Doubling), at an average rate of 147.29 km per year, which is 176% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14.