

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.36
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022**

EXTENSION OF NUAPADA-GUNUPUR RAILWAY LINE

36. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status on the extension of Nuapada - Gunupur railway line upto Therubali railway project;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate any delays;**
- (c) the updates on setting up new Railway Division at Rayagada under ECoR; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the project and the time by when the project would be made operational?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 36 BY SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.02.2022 REGARDING EXTENSION OF NUAPADA-GUNUPUR RAILWAY LINE.

(a), (b) and (d): Extension of Nuapada-Gunupur line upto Therubali (79.15 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. ₹1398 crore. DPR of the project has been taken up for firming up the results thereon. At present, the project is not sanctioned, as such, no time line can be fixed for making it operational.

(c): Subsequent to the approval by the Government for setting up of a new Railway Division with its headquarters at Rayagada, Chief Transportation Planning Manager, East Coast Railway (ECoR), Bhubaneswar was nominated as Nodal Officer from ECoR to undertake planning and preparatory work for setting up and operationalisation of new Rayagada Division. Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted by ECoR and an Umbrella work titled “Creation of new South Coast Railway Zone and new Rayagada Division in East Coast Railway” has been included in Budget 2020-21 under Capital Expenditure at an estimated cost of ₹170 crore.
