

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 418
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**OUTCOME OF SURVEY BY ODISHA RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LTD.
(ORIDL)**

418 SHRI SUKANTA KUMAR PANIGRAHI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the outcome of survey by Odisha Rail infrastructure Development Ltd. (ORIDL) report on linking Kandhamal District Headquarters with Gopalpur and Rairakol Railway station under Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency;

(b) the time when the project is going to start and expected to be completed;

(c) whether the budget has been earmarked and spent for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Rail connectivity for Kandhamal District is proposed to be provided by Rairakhol – Gopalpur new line project being taken up by Odsiha Rail Infrastructure Development Limited (ORIDL), a Joint Venture of Government of Odisha and Ministry of Railways.

Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this new rail line was prepared by ORIDL. However, the alignment of proposed new line was not passing through Phulbani which was in contravention to the In-Principle Approval (IPA) granted to ORIDL.

Therefore, ORIDL has been advised to review the alignment of Gopalpur – Rairakhol new rail line. The Project is not yet sanctioned.
