

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4329
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

TALCHER-BIMALGARH RAILWAY LINE

†4329. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether under construction Talcher-Bimalgarh railway line project is progressing at a very slow pace;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to overcome the said delay; and**
- (d) the time by when the said project is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): The work of Talcher-Bimlagarh (150 km) New Line is a sanctioned work. The latest sanctioned cost of the project is ₹1928 Crore. The work has been taken up by the Railway in available land. So far, 34 Km section (Talcher-Parabil) has been commissioned.

The requisite land in Parabil-Palalaharha (43 Km) and Bimlagarh – Mahuldiha (32 Km) sections has been handed over by the State Government. The work has been taken up in these sections. Further, the land acquisition in balance section i.e. Palalaharha - Mahuldiha (41 Km) has been taken up by the State Government.

As on 01.04.2024, 40 Projects (13 New Lines, 1 Gauge Conversion and 26 Doubling) of total length 4,017 Km, costing ₹54,434 crore, falling fully/partly in Odisha are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1,100 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹22,833 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (in Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'24 (₹ in Crore)
New Lines	13	1422	183	5090
Gauge Conversion	01	159	90	184
Doubling/Multitracking	26	2436	827	17559
Total	40	4,017	1,100	22,833

The details of outlay for infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹838 Cr./Year
2025-26	₹10,599 Cr. (More than 12 times)

The details of commissioning / laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha during 2009-14 and 2014-24 is as under :-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	267 Km	53.4 Km
2014-24	1827 Km	182.7 Km (More than 3 times)

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc.
