

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6098
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2026**

RAILWAY PROJECT BETWEEN TALCHER-GOPALPUR

†6098. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a railway project from Talcher (coal-city) to Gopalpur (port-city) in the Gulf of Bengal is pending for a long time and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the effective steps are likely to be taken by the Government for its completion; and**
- (c) whether the proposal from Talcher (coal-city) to Gopalpur (port-city) via Hindol is likely to be reconsidered by the Government and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Talcher is already connected to Jagannathpur (Gopalpur) via Hindol Road, Rajathgarh, Bhubaneswar, Khurda Road on the existing Railway network. However, to further augment the connectivity following works/surveys have been taken up:-

S. No.	Name of Project	Status
1	Budhapank - Salegaon via Rajatgarh 3rd and 4th Line (85 KM)	57 KM commissioned. Works have been taken up in balance sections
2	Nergundi - Vizianagaram 3rd Line (385 KM)	Works have been taken up.
3	Rajathgarh - Kaipadar Road New Line (93 KM) by passing Bhubaneshwar and Khurda Road	DPR prepared

S. No.	Name of Project	Status
4	Haridaspur Jn. to Nergundi Jn. & Cuttack Jn. to Vizianagaram Jn. 4th line (440 KM)	DPR prepared
5	Angul – Hindol - Nayagarh New Railway Line (120 KM)	FLS sanctioned
6	Talcher - Gopalpur New Line (282 KM)	FLS sanctioned

After preparation of DPR, sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines cannot be fixed.

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Railway Budget:

Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹ 838 Cr./year
2025-26	₹ 10,599 Cr. (Nearly 13 times)

Track Construction:

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha during 2009-14 and 2014-25 is as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks per year
2009-14	267 Km	53 Km
2014-25	2,150 Km	195 Km (More than 3.5 times)

Project Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2025, 49 projects (19 New Lines and 30 Doubling), of a total length of 4,010 Km, costing ₹ 67,496 crore, falling fully/partly in Odisha, are sanctioned, out of which 1,429 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹28,043 crore has been incurred upto March' 2025. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of sanctioned Projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (in Km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'25 (in Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'25 (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	19	1,544	256	6,270
Doubling/Multi-tracking	30	2,466	1,173	21,773
Total	49	4,010	1,429	28,043

Recently Completed Projects:

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in Odisha are as under:

S. No.	Name of Project	Cost (In Crores of ₹)
1	Daitari-Banspani New Line and Jakhapura-Haridaspur 3rd Line (179 Km)	1,317
2	MCL siding from Jharsuguda - Sardega New Line (53 Km)	1,598
3	Haridaspur-Paradeep New Line (82 Km)	2,397
4	Angul-Sukinda New Line (104 Km)	2,834
5	Champa-Jharsuguda 3rd Line (152 Km)	1,227
6	Sambalpur-Titlagarh Doubling (182 Km)	2,262
7	Rourkela-Jharsuguda 3rd Line (101 Km)	1,313
8	Banspani-Daitari-Tomka-Jakhapura Doubling (164 Km)	1,827
9	Sambalpur-Talcher Doubling (174 Km)	1,539
10	Raipur - Titlagarh Doubling (203 Km)	1,171
11	Jharsuguda-Sardega Doubling (50 Km)	3,200

Ongoing Projects:

Further, some of the main projects falling fully/partly in Odisha which have been taken up are as under:

S.No.	Name of Project	Total Cost (In Crores of ₹)
1	Junagarh-Nabarangpur New Line (116 Km)	2,865
2	Nabarangpur-Jeypore New Line (41 Km)	748
3	Jeypore-Malkangiri New Line (130 Km)	2,344
4	Malkangiri – Pandurangapuram New Line (174 Km)	3,592
5	Buramara-Chakulia New Line (60 Km)	1,459
6	Gunupur-Therubali New Line (74 Km)	1,166
7	Puri - Konark New Line (32 Km)	492
8	Badampahar-Kendujhargarh New Line (82 Km)	1,876
9	Bangriposi-Gorumahisani New Line (86 Km)	2,269
10	Bargarh Road-Nawapara Road New Line (138 Km)	2,622
11	Vizianagram-Titlagarh 3 rd Line (265 Km)	6,996
12	Jarapada- Budhapank 3 rd & 4 th Line with flyover at Talcher (101 Km)	810
13	Budhapank- Salegaon via Rajatgarh 3 rd & 4 th Line (170 Km)	2,023
14	Nergundi - Vizianagaram 3 rd Line (385 Km)	4,963
15	Kottavalasa-Koraput Doubling (189 Km)	2,500
16	Koraput-Singapur Road Doubling (165 Km)	2,362
17	Jagdalspur-Koraput Doubling (107 Km)	1,547
18	Jharsuguda-Bilaspur 4 th line (206 Km)	2,596
19	Bondamunda-Ranchi Doubling (159 Km)	3,029
20	Narayangarh-Bhadrak 3 rd line (153 Km)	2,136
21	Bhadrak-Nergundi 3 rd Line (92 Km)	1,284

During last three years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current Financial Year i.e. 2025-26, total 79 Nos. of Surveys (31 New Line, 48 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha having a total length of 5,436 Km have been sanctioned.

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- **Anticipated traffic projections and Remunerativeness of the proposed route**
- **First and last mile connectivity provided by the project**
- **Connection of missing links and providing additional route**
- **Augmentation of congested/saturated lines**
- **Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,**
- **Railway's operational requirements**
- **Socio-economic considerations**
- **Overall availability of funds**

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- **Land acquisition**
- **Forest clearance**
- **Shifting of infringing utilities**
- **Statutory clearances from various authorities**
- **Geological and topographical conditions of area**
- **Law and order situation in the area of project site**
- **Number of working months in a year for particular project site etc.**

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.
