

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1836
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

ROWGHAT-JAGDALPUR RAIL PROJECT

†1836. SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the present progress of Rowghat-Jagdalpur rail project and the likely date of its completion thereof;**
- (b) the details of the proposals under consideration of the Government for starting new train services from Bastar Lok Sabha Constituency;**
- (c) the works undertaken to expand passenger amenities on the Kirandul-Visakhapatnam railway section; and**
- (d) the details of the plan to develop world class facilities at Jagdalpur Railway Station?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (d): The work of Rowghat – Jagdalpur New Line (140 Km) Project has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹ 3,513 Cr. 249 Ha land out of total 818 Ha has been acquired for the project. The status is as under:

Section	Status
Jagdalpur – Palli – Kurkanar (12 Km)	• Land acquisition completed. • Works on important major bridges, RoBs, earthwork, minor bridges etc. have been taken up.
Rowghat – Kurkanar (128 Km)	Land acquisition has been taken up

CHHATTISGARH

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 Chhattisgarh is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-2014	₹311 Cr./year
2026-2027	₹7,470 Cr. (approx. 24 times)

Track Construction:

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh is as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	32 Km	6.4 Km per year
2014-26	1,311 Km	109.29 Km per year (17 times)

Projects Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 36 projects (8 New Lines and 28 Doubling), of total length of 2,398 Km, costing ₹48,202 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh are Sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned till March, 2026 (in Km)	Total Exp upto March 2026 (₹ in cr.)
NL	8	887	262	7,535
DL	28	1,512	889	11,298
TOTAL	36	2,398	1,151	18,833

Recently Completed Projects:

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

S.No.	Name of Project	Cost (₹ in Cr.)
1	Kharsia-Korichhapar New Line (43 Km)	851
2	Bilaspur-Urkura 3rd line (110 Km)	365
3	Salka Road-Khongsara doubling (26 Km)	181
4	Durg-Rajnandgaon Doubling (31 Km)	250
5	Khodri Anuppur Doubling with flyover at Bilaspur (72 Km)	792
6	Champa-Jharsuguda 3rd Line (152 Km)	1,227
7	Pendra Road – Annupur 3rd Line (50 Km)	394
8	Raipur - Titlagarh Doubling (203 Km)	1,171
9	Dallirajahra-Rowghat (95 Km)	1,628

Ongoing Projects:

Some of the major projects falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh which have been taken up are as under:

S.N	Name of Project	Cost (₹ in Cr.)
1	Kharsia-Dharamjaygarh New Line (122 Km)	3,407
2	Gevra Road-Pendra Road New Line (135 Km)	3,724
3	Dharamjaigarh-Korba New Line (63 Km)	1,686
4	Chirimiri-Nagpur Halt New Line (17 Km)	670
5	Sardega-Bhalumunda New Line (37 Km)	1,282
6	Kharsia - Parmalkasa 5th and 6th line (278 Km)	7,854
7	Rowghat-Jagdalpur New Line (140 Km)	3,513
8	Kirandul-Jadgalpur Doubling (150 km)	1,780

S.N	Name of Project	Cost (₹ in Cr.)
9	Jagdalpur-Koraput Doubling (107 Km)	1,547
10	Jharsuguda-Bilaspur - 4th line (206 Km)	2,596
11	Gevra Rd-Pendra Rd Doubling (135 Km)	3,475
12	Rajnandgaon-Nagpur 3rd line (228 Km)	3,545
13	Raipur-Dhamtari & Abhanpur-Rajim gauge conversion (67.20 km)	3,250
14	Boridand- Ambikapur Doubling (80 Km)	1,577
15	4th line between of Durg-Rajnandgaon (31 Km)	464
16	Gondia-Dongargarh 4th line (84 Km)	2,223
17	Baikunth- Urkura 4th line (26 Km)	426
18	Champa-Korba 3rd Line (42 Km)	755

To further improve the connectivity in Bastar Lok Sabha Constituency, following surveys have been taken up:

S.No.	Name of Survey
1	Kothagudem – Kirandul New Line (180 Km)
2	Gadchiroli – Bacheli via Bijapur New Line (490 Km)
3	Dhamtari – Kondagaon via Banskot and Amravati New Line (183 Km)

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.

As the railway network straddles across State boundaries/boundaries of Parliamentary constituencies, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, Jagdalpur, Dantewara & Kirandul are the important stations serving the Bastar constituency. Jagdalpur is served by 10 train services while Dantewara & Kirandul are served by 04 train services each. These are listed below:-

Trains serving Jagdalpur:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	18005 Howrah -Jagdalpur Express
2	18006 Jagdalpur-Howrah Express
3	18107 Rourkela-Jagdalpur Express
4	18108 Jagdalpur-Rourkela Express
5	18447 Bhubaneswar-Jagdalpur Express
6	18448 Jagdalpur-Bhubaneswar Express
7	18515 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul Express
8	18516 Kirandul-Visakhapatnam Express
9	58501 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul Passenger
10	58502 Kirandul-Visakhapatnam Passenger

Trains serving Dantewara & Kirandul:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	18515 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul Express
2	18516 Kirandul-Visakhapatnam Express
3	58501 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul Passenger
4	58502 Kirandul-Visakhapatnam Passenger

Besides, introduction of new train services which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include-

- **Capacity of that section**
- **Availability of path**
- **Availability of required rolling stock**
- **Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock**
- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets.**
- **Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section.**

Station Redevelopment:

Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations of Indian Railways. The master planning, keeping in view the necessity of each station, includes:

- **Improvement of access to station and circulating areas**
- **Integration of station with both sides of city**
- **Improvement of station building**
- **Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths**
- **Provision of wider foot over bridge/subway to commensurate with passenger traffic**
- **Provision of lifts/escalators/ramps**
- **Improvement of platform surface/ provision of platform shelter**
- **Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’**
- **Parking development**

- **Amenities for Divyangjans**
- **Better passenger information systems**
- **Provision of air concourse, executive lounges, Multimodal integration, landscaping, etc.**

The scheme also envisages sustainable and environment friendly solutions etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1,340 stations have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, out of which, 7 stations including Araku, Kottavalasa Junction, Simhachalam and Visakhapatnam stations of Andhra Pradesh, Jagdalpur station of Chhattisgarh and, Jeypore and Koraput Junction stations of Odisha are located in Kirandul–Visakhapatnam railway section. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Names of Stations
Andhra Pradesh	74	Adoni, Anakapalle, Anantapur, Anaparthi, Araku, Bapatla, Bhimavaram Town, Bobbili Jn, Chipurupalli, Chirala, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Cumbum, Dharmavaram, Dhone, Donakonda, Duvvada, Elamanchili, Eluru, Giddalur, Gooty, Gudivada, Gudur, Gunadala, Guntur, Hindupur, Ichchpuram, Kadiri, Kakinada Town Jn, Kottavalasa Jn, Kuppam, Kurnool city, Macherla, Machilipatnam, Madanapalle Road, Mangalagiri,

State	No. of Stations	Names of Stations
		Mantralayam Road, Markapur Road, Nadikude Jn, Nandyal Jn, Narasapur, Narasaraopet, Naupada Jn, Nellore, Nidadavolu Jn, Ongole, Pakala Jn, Palasa, Parvatipuram, Piduguralla, Piler, Pithapuram, Rajahmundry, Rajampet, Rayanapadu, Renigunta, Repalle, Samalkot , Sattenapalle, Satya Sai Prashanti Nilayan, Simhachalam, Singaraykonda, Sri Kalahasti, Srikakulam Road, Sullurpeta, Tadepalligudem, Tadipatri, Tenali, Tirupati, Tuni, Vijayawada, Vinukonda, Vishakhapatnam, Vizianagaram Jn.
Chhattisgarh	32	Akaltara, Ambikapur, Baikunthpur Road, Balod, Baradwar, Belha, Bhanupratappur, Bhatapara, Bhilai, Bhilai Nagar, BhilaiPower House, Bilaspur, Champa, Dallirajhara, Dongargarh, Durg, Hathbandh, Jagdalpur, Janjgir Naila, Korba, Mahasamund, Mandir Hasaud, Marauda, Nipania, Pendra Road, Raigarh, Raipur Jn, Raj Nandgaon, Sarona, Tilda-Neora, Urkura, Uslapur
Odisha	59	Angul, Badampahar, Balangir, Baleshwar, Balugaon, Barbil, Bargarh Road, Baripada, Barpali, Belpahar, Betnoti, Bhadrak, Bhawanipatna, Bhubaneswar, Bhubaneswar New, Bimlagarh, Brahmapur, Brajrajnagar, Chatrapur, Cuttack, Damanjodi, Dhenkanal, Gunupur, Harishanker Road, Himgir, Hirakud, JajpurKeonjhar Road, Jaleswar, Jaroli, Jeypore, Jharsuguda Jn,

State	No. of Stations	Names of Stations
		Jharsuguda Road, Kantabanji, Kendujhargarh, Kesinga, Khariar Road, Khurda Road Jn, Koraput Jn, Lingaraj Temple Road, Mancheswar, Meramandali, Muniguda, Panposh, Paradeep, Parlakhemundi, Puri, Raghunathpur, Rairakhol, Rairangpur, Rajgangpur, Rayagada, Rourkela, Sakhi Gopal, Sambalpur, Sambalpur City, Soro, Talcher, Talcher Road, Titlagarh Jn.

Completed Stations:

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha have been taken up at a good pace. Details of stations completed in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha are as under:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Andhra Pradesh	08	Cumbum, Eluru, Kakinada Town Junction, Mangalagiri, Nidadavolu Junction, Rayanapadu, Sullurpeta, Tuni
Chhattisgarh	10	Ambikapur, Balod, Bhanupratappur, Bhilai, Champa, Dallirajhara, Dongargarh, Raj Nandgaon, Sarona, Urkura
Odisha	09	Balangir, Baripada, Barpali, Bimalgarh, Cuttack, Kesinga, Khariar Road, Parlakhemundi, Talcher

The activities for development at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations is as given below:

Andhra Pradesh

- **Araku station: The works of platform shelters, 12 m wide foot over bridge and parking have been completed. The works of new station building, improvement of circulating area and lifts have been taken up.**
- **Kottavalasa Junction station: The structural works of new station building and platform shelters have been completed. The works of 12 m wide foot over bridge and improvement of platform surface have been taken up.**
- **Simhachalam station: The works of platform shelters and 12 m wide foot over bridge have been completed. The works of new station building, improvement of platform surface and improvement of circulating area have been taken up.**
- **Vishakhapatnam station: The works of improvement of parking on east side have been completed. The works of foot over bridge, improvement of circulating area, construction of platform no. 14, west side parking and foundation work of new west side station building have been taken up.**
- **Hindupur station: The works of improvement of waiting hall and Rail Main Service building have been completed. The works of improvement of station building at main entry, entrance porch at main entry, new station building at second entry, platform shelter, parking, toilets, improvement of circulating area, lift and 12 m wide foot over bridge have been taken up.**

Chhattisgarh

- **Jagdalpur station:** The works of new station building, 12 m wide foot over bridge, improvement of platform surface, improvement of circulating area, toilets, platform shelters and waiting hall have been completed. The works of lifts, signages and installation of Coach Indication Boards have been taken up.
- **Akaltara station:** The works of improvement of station building, improvement of circulating area, parking, waiting halls, booking counter, platform shelters, new toilet, landscaping, installation of CCTV and signages have been completed. The work of 12 m wide foot over bridge has been taken up.
- **Bilaspur station:** The foundation works of new North-East side station building and new South-West side station building have been completed. The works of superstructure of new North-East side station building, new South-West side station building, residential quarters, substation building and service buildings have been taken up.
- **Korba station:** The works of improvement of station building, waiting halls, booking counter, improvement of circulating area, parking, platform shelters, landscaping, installation of CCTV and signages have been completed. The work of 12 m wide foot over bridge has been taken up.
- **Mahasamund station:** The structural works of new station building, improvement of platform surface and platform shelters have been completed. The finishing works of new station building, improvement of circulating area and 12 m wide foot over bridge have been taken up.

Odisha

- **Jeypore station:** The works of improvement of waiting hall, toilet and 12m wide foot over bridge have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, circulating area, installation of signages and lifts have been taken up.
- **Koraput Junction station:** The structural works of new station building, 12 m wide foot over bridge and parking have been completed. The works of new station building, platform shelters, 12 m wide foot over bridge and improvement of circulating area have been taken up.
- **Cuttack station:** The works of new second entry station building, structural work of new main entry station building and improvement of platform surface have been completed. The works of air concourse, improvement of circulating area, foot over bridge, platform shelters, finishing works of new main entry station building, lifts and escalators have been taken up.
- **Mancheswar station:** The works of extension of station building, improvement of circulating area, approach road, booking office, platform shelters and toilet have been completed. The works of improvement of station building, skywalk connecting extended station building and lifts have been taken up.
- **Puri station:** The structural works of new station building and platform shelters have been completed. The works of improvement of platform surface, improvement of circulating area, finishing works of new station building, lifts and escalators have been taken up.

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station is carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.

Development / upgradation / modernisation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not station-wise or state-wise.

Andhra Pradesh is covered under the jurisdiction of five railway zones, namely, East Coast Railway, Southern Railway, South Central Railway, South Western Railway and South Coast Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 3,134 crore has been made for the current financial year, out of which an expenditure (up to June, 2026) of ₹ 1,361 crore has been incurred so far.

Chhattisgarh is covered under the jurisdiction of two railway zones, namely, South East Central Railway and East Coast Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 1,132 crore has been made for the current financial year, out of which an expenditure (up to June, 2026) of ₹ 486 crore has been incurred so far.

Odisha is covered under the jurisdiction of three railway zones, namely, South Eastern Railway, East Coast Railway, and South East Central Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 1,517 crore has been made for the current financial years, out of which an expenditure (up to June, 2026) of ₹ 670 crore has been incurred so far.
