

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 328
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINE IN ODISHA

***328. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal for construction of a new railway line connecting Hindol town, Dhenkanal district of Odisha to existing railway network;**
- (b) if so, the status of the said project including the timeline for commencement;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government has alternative plan to improve transportation, infrastructure, boosting local trade and enhancing tourism potential of the area; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 328 BY SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.12.2024 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINE IN ODISHA.

(a) to (e): Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State/District wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/District boundaries. Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations including local trade and tourism etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha are covered under East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

As on 01.04.2024, 40 Projects (13 New Lines, 1 Gauge Conversion and 26 Doubling) of total length 4,017 Km, costing Rs. 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 Rs. 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 (Rs. 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	Rs. 838 Cr./Year
2024-25	Rs. 10,586 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 2023-24 is as under :-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	267 Km	53.4 Km
2023-24	243 Km	243 Km (More than 4 times)

Hindol Road and Dhenkanal are existing stations between Angul and Bhubaneshwar on Indian Railway network. To improve connectivity of Hindol town, a survey for Angul-Nayagarh new rail line passing through Hindol Town has also been sanctioned.

Further, to improve rail connectivity in Odisha, following projects falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha have been sanctioned in the current financial year i.e. 2024-25:-

SN	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1	Gunupur-Therubali New Line (73.62 Km)	1,166
2	Malkangiri-Pandurangapuram via Bhadrachalam station New Line (173.61 Km)	3,592
3	Badampahar-Kendujhargarh New Line (82.06 Km)	1,876
4	Junagarh-Nabarangpur New Line (116.21 Km)	2,865
5	Buramara-Chakulia New Line (59.96 Km)	1,459
6	Bangriposi-Gorumahisani New Line (85.60 Km)	2,269
7	Bargarh Road – Nawapara Road New Line (138.32 Km)	2,622
8	Sardega – Bhalumunda New Double Line (37.24 Km)	1,282
