

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2280  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

**JK ROAD – DHAMARA RAIL LINE PROJECT**

**2280. DR. RABINDRA NARAYAN BEHERA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken necessary action and granted sanction/permission for JK Road - Dhamara rail line project; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline set for the commencement of the said project?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) and (b): 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 connectivity to tourist and religious places etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.**

**Based on Final Location Survey (FLS) for a new Railway line between Jajpur Keonjhar Road and Dhamra Port, Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared. As per DPR, the cost of the project is approx. ₹2987 crore.**

**Sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. Timelines can be estimated only after approval process is completed.**

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