

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5217  
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CONSTRUCTION OF KHURDA ROAD-BOLANGIR RAIL LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the date on which the Khurda Road-Bolangir railway route was first surveyed;
- (b) the number of times the above route was surveyed before the latest decision taken for construction;
- (c) the original estimated cost and the latest anticipated cost of the project;
- (d) the present position of the project alongwith expenditure incurred thereon so far; and
- (e) the time by which the above project is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) The Preliminary Engineering-Cum-Traffic survey (PETS) for Khurda Road-Bolangir line was conducted in 1985-86.
- (b) The decision to construct the line was taken based on this original PETS only, after updating the costs. After the work was sanctioned, the Final Location survey has been taken up.
- (c) The original estimated cost was Rs. 353.38 crore. The latest anticipated cost is Rs. 700 crore.
- (d) The Final Location survey is in progress. Land acquisition papers have been submitted and money has been deposited with the State Government for 8 km length from Khurda Road end. Tenders have been finalised for earthwork and minor bridges for the first 2.5 km length. Expenditure incurred on the project till 31-03-2000 is Rs. 7.57 crore.
- (e) The target date for completion of the project has not yet been fixed.