

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:266
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004
COMPLETION OF ANGUL-DUKINDA ROAD LINE IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated cost of Daitari-Banspani Rail Link project and Angul-Dubri Sukinda Road projects and the expenditure incurred up to 2004;
- (b) the funds allotted during 2004-05 for the said projects the percentage of price escalated;
- (c) whether the land required for the said projects have been handed over to railways for construction of said projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the State Government has requested to allot a sum of rupees 150 crores in the current year for the said projects;
- (f) if so, the details in this regard and action taken by the railways thereon; and
- (g) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (g): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 266 ASKED BY SHRI SUGRIB SINGH AND SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2004 REGARDING COMPLETION OF ANGUL-DUKINDA ROAD LINE IN ORISSA.

(a): The estimated costs of Daitari-Banspani and Angul-Dubri-Sukinda Road new line projects are Rs. 590.60 crore and Rs. 415.47 crore respectively. The expenditure incurred on these two projects up to 31/03/2004 are Rs. 446.52 crore and Rs. 0.66 crore respectively. Expenditures during the current year will be known only after finalization of the yearly accounts at the end of the current financial year.

(b): Funds provided for Daitari-Banspani and Angul-Dubri-Sukinda Road new line projects in the Budget 2004-05 are Rs. 83 crore and Rs. 2 crore respectively. Overall cost escalations of these projects against the original costs at which they were included in the Railway Budget are 143.50% and 69.18% respectively.

(c) & (d): On the remaining Keonjhar-Tomka section of Daitari-Banspani new line project, 1176.13 hectares of land out of 1183.6 hectares required has been acquired. On Angul-Dubri-Sukinda Road new line project, Final Location Survey has been completed projecting 398.54 hectares of land acquisition. The land acquisition process is being initiated.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Hon`ble Chief Minister of Orissa had written a letter dated 25/06/2004 to the Hon`ble Minister of Railways requesting for allotment of Rs. 150 crore for Daitari-Banspani and Rs. 10 crore for Angul-Sukinda Road new line works during 2004-05. Besides, the Resident Commissioner of Orissa at New Delhi wrote a letter dated 18/10/2004 for enhancement of budgetary allocation during 2004-05 by Rs. 150 crore for expeditious completion of Daitari-Banspani, Haridaspur-Paradeep, Lanjigarh-Junagarh Road and Angul-Sukinda Road new line projects.

Allocation of funds for different States is being done as per a transparent formula adopted since 2002-03. Accordingly, funds for Daitari-Banspani and Angul-Sukinda Road new line projects have been provided keeping in view their operational priorities and overall availability of resources. Provision of more funds for these projects would be given due consideration in case the need so arises and additional funds become available during the course of the year. However, to expedite completion of Daitari-Banspani project, funds have been tied up through Asian Development Bank (ADB) and a part of the work has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for execution.

(g): On Daitari-Banspani New Line project, Banspani-Joruli (11 Kms) section has been completed and commissioned. Joruli-Keonjhar (48 Kms) section has also been completed. On the balance Keonjhar-Tomka (98 Kms) section, earthwork, bridgeworks and

other ancillary works are in progress. The entire project is likely to be completed during 2005-06, depending upon the availability of resources. No target date of completion has, however, been fixed for Angul-Sukinda Road new line project as yet.