

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3322
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HARIDASPUR-PARADIP RAILWAY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for slow progress of the proposed Haridaspur-Paradip Railway Project in Orissa;
- (b) the hurdles being faced by the Railways in this regard;
- (c) the steps taken/ being taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to speed up the said railway project; and
- (d) the time by when the project is likely to be completed ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Haridaspur-Paradeep New Line project has been sanctioned. The work is being executed by Haridaspur-Paradeep Railway Company Limited (HPRCL), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) created by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). Shareholders' Agreement signed on 11.10.06. The work on long lead item of Mahanadi and Luna bridge has already been taken up. Further, earthwork, bridgeworks and building works on entire project length is being taken up.

The process of land acquisition which was slow earlier has picked up now. There are no hurdles at present.

(d): 2009-10.