

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINE FROM BARIPADA TO CHAKULIA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken any decision to extend the railway line from Baripada to Chakulia via Budhamara to connect Tata Kharagpur railway line under South-Eastern Railway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds earmarked for the completion of the project; and
- (c) the time frame stipulated for the completion of the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Extension from Buramara to Chakulia (50 Kms) including upgrading of the rail line from Rupsa to Buramara (75 Kms) has been approved as part of Rupsa-Baripada- Buramara-Bangriposi (90 Kms) Gauge Conversion project. The total project cost is Rs. 466.48 crore. The work is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). Rs. 22.14 crore has been provided in Budget 2009-10 for the complete project including Gauge conversion work.

(c): Rupsa-Bangriposi is targeted for completion during 2009-10.