

Sanction of new projects

2148. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state by when Railways would consider sanctioning of ten new projects, namely-Meramandali-Angul-Talcher-Chhendipada dedicated Industrial Rail Corridor, Bhadrachalam Road (Andhra Pradesh) Malkangiri-Jeypore-Junagarh -Lanjigarh Road-Talcher-Bimlagarh, Baragarh-Nuapada-via Padmapur (120 KMs.), Talcher-Gopalpur (245 Kms.), Puri-Konark (35 Kms.) Rupsa Bangirposi to Gorumahisani (35 Kms.), Badampahar to Keonjhar (70 Kms.), Berhampur-Phulbani (169.8 Kms.), Khurda road-Rajathagarh bye passing Bhubaneswar (59 Kms.), Rayagada-Gopalpur-v/a-Gunupur, Bhisimagiri and Digapahandi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): The Lanjigarh Road - Junagarh new line (56 km) and Talcher-Bimlagarh new line (154 km) are sanctioned projects. Work is in progress on these projects.

The surveys for the following new line projects are in progress and further action would be taken after their report is received and examined in the Ministry:

- (i) Bhadrachalam Road (Andhra Pradesh) Malkangiri-Jeypore-Junagarh.
- (ii) Keonjhar to Badampahar.
- (iii) Berhampur-Phulbani.
- (iv) Khurda Road - Rajathagarh bye passing Bhubaneswar.
- (v) Rayagada-Gopalpur via Gunupur, Bhisimagiri and Digapahandi.

There is no plan of Ministry of Railways for the project, namely, Meramandali- Angul-Talcher-Chhendipada Dedicated Industrial Rail Corridor.

The new line proposals of Nawapara Road-Bargarh Road (via Padampur), Talcher-Gopalpur, Puri-Konark were surveyed in the past but were not considered viable for sanction. Rupsa-Bangriposi to Gorumahisani new line proposal was also surveyed but alternate alignment from Chakulia to Buramara was considered feasible and sanctioned.

Construction of parallel bridge at Govindpuri and Jhakarkati

2149. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: