

श्री प्रदीप टम्टा (उत्तराखंड) : महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय से संबद्ध करता हूँ।

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SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Incomplete railway projects in Odisha

SHRI SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Hon. Chairman, Sir, this is regarding incomplete railway projects in Odisha. The railway density in Odisha hovers around 15 per 1000 square kilometres whereas the national average is at 20. So, there is a dire need to improve the railway network in Odisha. Unfortunately, the railway projects in Odisha are in a very bad shape. If you specifically look at some railway projects which are still languishing; Khurda Road - Bolangir, it is 289 kilometre line. It is getting delayed. Paradip-Haridaspur, Talcher-Bimlagarh, Angul-Sukinda, Jeypore-Nabarangpur, Jeypore-Malkangiri etc.; I could go on. Several projects over the last fifteen years, twenty years, twenty-five years continue to languish without appropriate allocation. Sir, I would draw your attention to a specific point. This is a statement provided by the hon. Minister in this Session to me on an Unstarred Question. I would like to tell you that the Nabarangpur and Malkangiri districts in Odisha are Left-Wing Extremist affected districts and one of the most interior districts of this country. Despite that, the railway line connectivity is zero. At the moment, the two projects that have been launched, the Jeypore-Nabarangpur and the Jeypore-Malkangiri line, land is being provided free of cost by the Government of Odisha and 50 per cent of the project cost is being borne by Odisha. Despite that in 2017-18, both the projects were sanctioned and in 2017-18, not a single rupee was spent on both the projects. In 2018-19, in the Jeypore-Malkangiri line, only ₹ 28 lakhs were spent for a 130 kilometres line. In terms of these projects that are still there, the Sambalpur-Talcher, Bhadrak-Nirkundi, Jarapada-Budhapanka, Budhapanka-Salegaon, Koraput-Singapur, Gunupur-Rayagada, Gopalpur-Therubali, these are projects that will bring about industrial revolution in Odisha, especially, the Gopalpur-Therubali and

Gopalpur-Rayagada sector. So, Sir, through you, I would like to request the hon. Minister to kindly expedite these projects. I will just give you the last point. There is the Khurda Road-Bolangir new line which was established in the year 1994-95, so many years back. It was sanctioned only for 289 kilometres. For 289 kilometres, till now, the total project cost was ₹ 3,798 crores. Out of that from 1994-95, only ₹ 1,057 crores have been spent. If this is the situation of a project, which was established in 1994-95, how many decades will Odisha have to wait for such kind of project? I request and I demand that the hon. Minister may kindly take it up very seriously. Thank you.

SHRI AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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جناب جاوید علی خان (اترپردیش): مہودے، میں بھی خود کو اس موضوع سے سمبڈ کرتا ہوں۔†

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI (Odisha): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA (Odisha): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Proposed outsourcing by the Defence PSUs

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal): Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the kind attention of the hon. Defence Minister that very recently in Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Defence Production Secretary made some sort of comments. What are these comments? "I expect the exports will surpass the target of ₹ 35,000 crore by 2024-25." That is good. But, the next is, he said, "Defence components are key drivers". He also said about promoting private sector participation in Defence production. He also inaugurated a facilitation centre for the Defence production at Bharat Chamber of Commerce. Sir, very unfortunately, he further mentioned, "The Government had been taking several steps to encourage the private sector, MSMEs, in particular, in Defence

†Transliteration in Urdu Script.