

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2855  
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

**NEW RAIL LINE FROM BANGRIPOSI TO GORUMAHISANI**

2855 SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received requests from the public representatives for laying of new rail line between Bangriposi to Gorumahisani and Badampahar to Keonjhar in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any action in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the current status in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Survey for a new line between Bangriposi & Gorumahisani (53 km) was completed in 2015-16. Due to its unremunerative nature, poor traffic potential and large shelf of ongoing railway projects, the proposal could not be taken forward. However, a new updating survey was sanctioned during 2018-19. As per survey report, the cost of project is ₹757 crore and Rate of Return (ROR) is (+) 0.56%. Thus, project is financially unviable.

Survey for a new line from Badampahar to Keonjhar (80 km) was completed in 2017-18 and the cost of the project was estimated as ₹1411 crore with an ROR of (-)6.40%. Project could not be taken forward being financially unviable.

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