

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
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Construction of coal rail corridor by MCRL

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Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state that:

- (a) the physical progress of construction of coal rail corridor by Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited (MCRL) in Talcher coalfield area;
- (b) whether land acquisition process has been completed and forestry clearances have been obtained, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of benefit expected from this project; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to produce 300 Million Tonnes of coal from Talcher area by 2030, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

(a): Inner Rail Corridor for a length of 68 Km. is being constructed by Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited (MCRL) in two phases: -

Phase-I: Angul-Balram Rail Link ('14 KM),

Phase-II: Balram-Putugadia-Jarapada-Tentuloi Rail Link (54 KM)

Status of Physical Progress -

Phase-I: 14 KM : Construction of the entire 14 KM is in an advance stage by IRCON. Physical progress -95%. Scheduled Commissioning by IRCON: 31.07.22.

Phase-II: 54 KM : Land acquisition is under process by IRCON.

(b): Phase-I 14 KM: All the land acquisition process has been completed including forestry clearance.

Phase - II 54 KM: Land acquisition is being done under Railway Amendment Act 2008. E-gazette notification under Section 20A (i) for tenancy and Govt. Non-Forest land has been published on 10.06.2022. Stage-I forest clearance has been obtained on 03.12.2021. Compliance to observation for Stage-II clearance has also been submitted. Site specification wild life management plan has also been approved by Principal Conservator of Forest (Wild life), Bhubaneswar on 21.06.2022.

(c): This project is intended to provide common rail corridor for evacuation of coal from both CIL and non-CIL coal blocks in Talcher Coal Field Area. This project will also provide multiple entries and exit points for coal rakes for faster evacuation of coal and de-congest the Indian Railway system by avoiding concentration of rakes at limited entry and exit route from Talcher Coal Field.

(d): Government is planning to produce coal from Talcher area by 2030, as per the details given below-

CIL coal blocks - 182.29 MT

Non-CIL coal blocks - 87.50 MT
