

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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TALCHER-BIMLAGARH NEW RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the physical progress of Talcher-Bimlagarh new Railway line project;
- (b) whether the Railway is planning to start passenger services in Talcher-Sunakhani section of this project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the present status of other statutory clearances and land acquisition?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Railway has taken up the work of Talcher-Bimlagarh (150 km) New Line Project. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹1928 Crore. So far, the work has been completed in Talcher-Sunakhani (around 20 km) section. Further work has been taken up between Sunakhani to Srirampur (50 km) section. Land acquisition has been taken up in balance section.

Out of 1003.94 acre of pvt. land, 782.15 acre land has been acquired. Out of 422.38 acre of govt. land, 275.79 acre land has been alienated and all the forest land i.e. 663.78 acre has been diverted. Government of Odisha has to expedite the acquisition of balance land.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s).

Introduction of train services is an on-going process in Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.