

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 146**  
**ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024**

**STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA**

146 DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing and upcoming railway line projects for the State of Odisha;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilized so far for the purpose; and
- (c) the expected socio-economic benefits of the railway line projects for the State of Odisha?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 146 BY DR. SASMIT PATRA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.02.2024 REGARDING STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA**

(a) to (c): The Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.

As on 01.04.2023, 35 Projects (12 New Lines, 1 Gauge Conversion and 22 Doubling) of total length 4,257 Km, costing ₹52,189 crore, falling fully/partly in Odisha are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1184 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹20,141 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

As on 01.04.2023, 64 nos. of survey works (26 New Line & 38 Doubling) have been taken up having total length 3414 km, falling fully/partly in the state of Odisha. Demands of Railway Projects are raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives and Railways' own requirements. They are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc.

Railway Projects in Odisha are covered under East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway Zones of Indian Railway. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha is as under:-

Year	Budget Outlay	Increase w.r.t. annual allocation of 2013-14
2013-14	₹ 813 Cr.	-
2023-24	₹10,012 Cr.	More than 12 times

Commissioning of Infrastructure projects in the State of Odisha is as under:-

Period	Total length Commissioned	Commissioning per year	Increase in commissioning as compared to average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	267 Km	53.4 Km	-
2014-22	1,135 Km	141.88 Km	About 2.66 times
2022-23	448 Km	448 Km	About 8.39 times

Benefits of Railway projects in the State of Odisha include faster movement of the essential goods and agriculture products, increase in employment opportunities for the people of this region, Socio-economic development of the area, development of tourism industry and increase in industrial activities in the region.