

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2194
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

**STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION OF SIDDHA MAHAVIR
RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE**

2194. SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status and progress of Siddha Mahavir Railway Over Bridge(ROB) on Puri Konark Road under Khurda Division of East Coast Railway Zone;
- (b) whether there is any plan for completion of this ROB during current Financial Year 2024-25; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): There is a Level Crossing (LC) No. KP-42 between Malatipatpur and Puri stations on Puri- Konark National Highway (NH).

As per Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport & Highway (MoRTH), work of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC on NH is executed by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) at their own cost on single entity basis. The work of construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. KP-42 has also been taken up by NHAI. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) has been approved by Railway.

Contract has been awarded by NHAI and Work is in progress.

Completion & commissioning of ROB/RUB works depend on various factors like cooperation of State Governments in consent for closure of LC, fixing of approach alignment, land acquisition, removal of encroachment, shifting of infringing utilities, number of working months in a year for particular project / work sites due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the projects / works.
