

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 590
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA

590 DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the various railway projects in Odisha and their expected completion dates;
- (b) the plans for any dedicated freight corridors through/in Odisha through Gati Shakti initiative; and
- (c) the plans for any new railway projects for Odisha?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 590 BY DR. SASMIT PATRA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 26.07.2024 REGARDING 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. Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway Infrastructure Projects 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. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

As on 01.04.2024, 40 Projects (13 New Lines, 1 Gauge Conversion and 26 Doubling) of total length 4,017 Km, costing ₹54,434 crore, falling fully/partly in Odisha are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1,100 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹22,833 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

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. average annual allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹ 838 Cr./Year	-
2023-24	₹10,012 Cr.	About 12 times
2024-25	₹10,586 Cr.	12.6 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	-
2023-24	243 Km	243 Km	About 4.55 times

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).

Ministry of Railways through Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) has undertaken the work of Survey/Detailed Project Report (DPR) for East- Coast Corridor (Kharagpur to Vijayawada) and East-West corridor (Palghar to Dankuni and Rajkharsawan to Andal) passing through the State of Odisha. The decision regarding sanctioning of any of these Dedicated Freight Corridor depends on many factors including traffic volume, techno-economic feasibility and financial viability.

In the last 3 years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24) and current Financial Years 2024-25, 85 nos. of survey works (45 New Line & 40 Doubling) have been sanctioned having total length 5,476 Km, falling fully/partly in the state of Odisha under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) for the development of multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various Economic Zones with an objective to have integrated planning, enhanced logistics efficiency and remove gaps for seamless movement of people, goods and services including connectivity to industrial clusters, ports, mines, power plants, tourist and cultural places, agricultural zones etc.
