

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199  
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

**STATUS OF TALCHER – BIMALAGARH RAILWAY PROJECT**

2199 SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status and stage of the Talcher–Bimalagarh railway project in Odisha including the total length of track commissioned so far and the remaining length of track to be completed;
- (b) the reasons for the prolonged delay in the completion of this project, which has been pending for the last 50 years; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to expedite the remaining work and a definitive timeline for the completion of the entire project?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): The work of Talcher-Bimlagarh (150 km) New Line is a sanctioned work. The latest sanctioned cost of the project is Rs. 1928 Crore. The work has been taken up by the Railway in available land. So far, 34 Km section (Talcher-Parabil) has been commissioned.

The requisite land in Parabil-Palalaharha (43 Km) and Bimlagarh – Mahuldiha (32 Km) sections has been handed over by the State Government. The work has been taken up in these sections. Further, the land acquisition in balance section i.e. Palalaharha –Mahuldiha (41 Km) has been taken up by the State Government.

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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.

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