

Koraput—Parvatipuram Line

6985. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Koraput-Parvatipuram Railway line has been included in the year 1981-82;

(b) whether his Ministry propose to construct the Koraput-Rayagada Railway line along with that line;

(c) whether the Rayagada-Koraput and Koraput-Parvatipuram techno-economic survey report has been examined and compared the cost of construction of the line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) It is proposed to construct Koraput-Rayagada BG line only.

(c) and (d). The salient features of the two alternative alignments for which the survey was carried out are given below:

Item	Koraput-Parvatipuram	Koraput-Rayagada
1. Length	129.48 Kms.	174.32 Kms.
2. Ruling grade	1 in 30 (Compensated)	1 in 100 (Compensated)
3. Cost	Rs. 121.10 crores	Rs. 112.10 crores
4. Number of stations	10	12
5. Goods earnings from all traffic	Rs. 24.19 crores	Rs. 39.95 crores
6. Working expenses (6th year)	Rs. 24.79 crores	Rs. 25.76 crores
7. Internal rate of return without inflation	7.93%	10.32%
8. Inflation required to make the line remunerative.	55%	Nil.

The project report has revealed the following:

(i) Technically it is feasible to link Koraput either with Parvatipuram or Rayagada.

(ii) While the ruling gradient of 1 in 100 (Compensated) is feasible in the case of Koraput-Rayagada link, in the case of Koraput-Parvatipuram link the ruling gradient 1 in 80 (Compensated) is only possible.

(iii) Technically, financially and operationally Koraput-Rayagada (Singapuram Road) is better than the link from Koraput-Parvatipuram. Rayagada alignment joins Raipur-Vizianagaram line at a station known as Singapuram Road which is next to Rayagada.

(iv) The cost of construction of Koraput-Parvatipuram line is Rs. 121.10 crores while the Koraput-Rayagada BG line will cost about Rs. 112.10 crores.

Extension of Paikan-Tura-Dalu National Highway Upto Baghmara

6986. SHRI CHINGWANG KONYAK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey work of Paikan-Tura to Dalu National Highway to be extended upto Bahhmara had been conducted, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b): Paikan-Tura-Dalu Road was declared as National Highway No. 51 with effect from 1-9-1980 and the State government has been asked to conduct detailed surveys and investigations about its condition and frame a suitable programme for further improvement of the road. As regards the stretch from Dalu to Baghmara, the same is a State Road and has been already developed to 20 feet roadway width under the Strategic Roads Programme.