

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.304
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

BROAD-GAUGE BETWEEN NUAPADA TO BARGARH

304. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the proposed broad-gauge railway line/linkage between Nuapada to Bargarh in the State of Odisha?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

Bargarh Road – Nawapara Road New Rail line (138.32 Km) project was initially taken by State Government Odisha through Odisha Rail Infrastructure Development Ltd. (ORIDL) in Dec'2021 for execution. However, no substantial progress was achieved by the ORIDL due to which East Coast Railway requested and taken over the project from ORIDL for faster execution on 05.06.2023. Thereafter, Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared on a fast track mode by Zonal Railway. As per DPR, the cost of the project is approx. ₹ 2621.92 crore excluding the cost of land. State Government of Odisha has agreed to provide land free of cost.

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Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of rail projects include (i) following Gati Shakti principles to engage Stake holders at approval and implementation stage (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
