

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:589  
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2003  
DAITARI-BANSPANI RAIL LINE  
ANANTA NAYAK

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether March 31, 2003 is the target date fixed for the completion of Daitari- Banspani line in Orissa;
  - (b) if so, the progress of that project as on date; and
  - (c) the steps taken to expedite the construction of that line?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): The line from Banspani to Joruli (11 Km) has been completed. On the rest of the section, earthwork, bridgework, and other allied works are in progress. The section from Joruli to Keonjhar (48 Km) is targeted for completion during 2002-03. To expedite completion of the project, the funds have been tied up through Asian Development Bank (ADB).