

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:694
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CONSTRUCTION OF DAITARI BANSPANI RAILWAY LINE
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of Daitari-Banspani new rail line in Orissa as on date from both sides;
- (b) the amount required for the completion of that project; and
- (c) the steps taken to release the required amount for the early completion of that project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a): At present work is in progress from Km. 0 to 140 from Banspani end, where formation is ready in patches over a length of 109.5 km. 207 minor bridges, out of a total of 361 required for the whole project, have been completed. Work is in progress on 16 out of 26 major bridges also. Tenders have been invited for the remaining 10 major bridges and finalized for 6 of them. Also, 1.48 lakh cum of ballast have been collected out of 1.81 lakh cum required from km. 0 to 58. The first block section from Banspani to Joruri (11 km.) is fast nearing completion and is targeted to be opened before end of this year.

(b): As anticipated now, about Rs. 330 crore would be needed beyond March, 2001 for completion of the project.

(c): The project will be commissioned in phases, for which the required funds will be provided at the budget stage every year, as per the availability of resources.