

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:912
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RAIL BLOCKADE IN ORISSA
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the Rail Blockade movement in Orissa to protest against the neglect of the railway system in Orissa and similar other demands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to fulfill the demands of the agitators; and
- (d) the new projects sanctioned for Orissa during 2000-2001?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Rail Blockade in Orissa was restored to by various political parties and organisations on 43 occasions to draw the attention of the Government to their demands like passenger halts, level crossing gates, new trains, stoppage to existing trains, passengers amenities, functioning of East Coast Railway Zone and employment in railways etc.
- (c) The demands have been examined on their merit and necessary action taken where ever justified.
- (d) Doubling of Khurda Road-Puri Ph.I has been included in 2000-2001 rail budget.