

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FREIGHT ROUTE FROM HARIDASPUR TO PARADEEP
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to develop freight route from Haridaspur to Paradeep in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the amount of investment estimated for the said route;
- (c) whether the route would be directly connected with Banspani; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the entire route is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Construction of a new broad gauge railway line from Haridaspur to Paradeep is already a sanctioned project. The project has been identified as part of National Rail Vikas Yojana for strengthening of Port Connectivity routes and is being implemented by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.
- (b): Anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 301.63 crore.
- (c): Yes, Sir. The desired connection will be set up once the ongoing Daitari-Banspani new broad gauge line project also gets completed.
- (d): Daitari-Banspani new line is targeted to be completed during 2006-07, subject to availability of resources. Haridaspur-Paradeep new line is likely to be completed during 2008-09.