

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3643

ANSWERED ON:18.08.2005

EXPANSION OF CUTTACK-DUBRI AND NAUPADA GUNPUR RAIL LINES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Orissa for expansion of Cuttack–Dubri and Naupada–Gunpur rail lines;
- (b) if so, whether the Rail Vikash Nigam Ltd. has prepared a report in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any plan has been formulated by the Rail Vikash Nigam Ltd. for speedy completion of Daitari–Banspani and Haridashpur–Paradip rail lines;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3643 BY SHRI ANANTA NAYAK AND SHRI JUAL ORAM TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 18.08.2005 REGARDING EXPANSION OF CUTTACK–DUBRI AND NAUPADA–GUNPUR RAIL LINES.

(a): Proposal has been received from the State Government of Orissa for railway infrastructural development in order to cater to the anticipated upsurge in traffic generation and movement in view of the upcoming steel plant of M/s POSCO and other plants in Orissa. The proposal includes doubling of Daitari–Banspani and Haridaspur–Paradeep and also early completion of Angul–Sukinda new line and extension of Naupada–Gunupur line up to Theruvali.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) has prepared a Concept Paper in this regard. The traffic likely to be generated on the four projects have been analyzed keeping in view various Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) signed by Orissa Government with the Industry. The cost of development of infrastructure and other assets to deal with the projected traffic has also been worked out.

(d) to (f): Daitari–Banspani is targeted for completion by 31/03/2007 and Haridaspur–Paradeep by 31/03/2008. On Daitari–Banspani new line, formation works are in advance stage of completion and tender for balance works is under process. For Haridaspur–Paradeep new line, land acquisition and bridgeworks have been taken up and formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) is under process.