

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) The estimated cost of the doubling of railway lines between Cuttack to Paradip and Cuttack to Barang;
- (b) The amount allocated for these two doubling projects so far;
- (c) The reasons for the slow progress of these projects; and
- (d) The steps taken to allocate additional funds so that these projects are completed as per schedule?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (d): Doubling of the entire Talcher–Nergundi–Cuttack–Paradeep line (except the 2nd bridge over River Mahanadi) has been completed and commissioned. The estimated cost of the work of the 2nd bridge over River Mahanadi is Rs. 122 crore and the estimated cost of doubling of Cuttack–Barang (12 Kms) section is Rs. 178.98 crore. These two works are being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for their early completion. Expenditure incurred on these works till 31.03.2006 are Rs. 48.94 crore and Rs. 24.74 crore respectively. Budget outlays provided for these projects in 2006–07 are Rs. 39.90 crore and Rs. 40.15 crore respectively. The funds are already available with RVNL for progressing the works as per schedule.

(c): Cuttack–Barang doubling is partly being funded through the Asian Development Bank (ADB) funds. The finalization of tender as per ADB procedure took time. The work of the 2nd Mahanadi Bridge is as per schedule.