

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:191  
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2009  
BIMALGARH- TALCHER RAIL LINK  
Panda Shri Baijayant

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of Bimalgarh-Talcher rail line the shortest rail connectivity between Rourkela and Bhubaneswar;
- (b) the time and cost overrun by the said rail line alongwith reasons for its inordinate delay; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely be completed and operationalized?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA )

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 191 BY SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.11.2009 REGARDING BIMALGARH-TALCHER RAIL LINK.

(a): The work of Talcher – Bimlagarh (154 km) new line was included in Budget 2003-04 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 810.78 crore. An expenditure of Rs. 27.98 crore has been incurred upto March 2009 and an outlay of Rs. 10 crore has been provided in Budget 2009-10.

Land acquisition has been taken up. Major bridges have also been taken up.

(b) & (c): The work will be progressed and completed in the coming years as per the availability of resources. Target date of completion is yet to be fixed.