

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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KHURDA BOLANGIR RAILWAY LINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of new railway line projects on Khurda-Bolangir section;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon so far;
- (c) the reasons for delay in completion of the said projects;
- (d) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b) Khurda Road-Bolangir New Line (289 Km) project was sanctioned in 1994-95 and the anticipated cost of the project in 2013-14 is Rs 1995.25 crore. Work on Phase-I, i.e. Km.0 to Km.32.5 (Khurda Road to Begunia) is in full swing and is expected to be completed by 31.3.2014. A total amount of Rs 238.99 crore was spent upto March 2013. An amount of Rs 60 crore has been allotted in 2013-14 and out of which `43.5 crore have been spent upto Jan.2014.

(c) to (e) The delay is due to problems in acquisition of private, Govt. & forest lands, and paucity of funds. No time frame has been fixed for completion of the project. All efforts are being made to speed up land acquisition process with the State Govt.