

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1087
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UPGRADATION OF EAST COAST RAILWAY NETWORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to upgrade and modernise the East-Coast railway network specifically in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to upgrade the infrastructure at the main railway stations and laying of electric and double lined railway tracks in Odisha; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Upgradation and modernisation of Railways including East Coast Railway network is an ongoing continuous process. Railways have planned to improve stations and strengthen major routes of East Coast Railway through modern technological inputs. This includes provision of passenger amenities and doubling / tripling of routes with electrification.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) 14 ongoing doubling projects falling fully / partly in the State of Odisha have been sanctioned to modernise and upgrade with a total anticipated cost of ` 6741 crores. Moreover, 4 ongoing doubling projects falling fully / partly in the State of Odisha have been sanctioned with a total anticipated cost of ` 1289.83 crores. In East Coast Railways, 33 stations have identified for improvement of passengers amenities under Adarsh Station Scheme out of which works on 22 stations have been completed.