

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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FORMATION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has arrived at an agreement to form two special purpose vehicles for evacuation of coal from its biggest coalfields in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified five rail projects to ensure evacuation of coal from the mines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): No agreement has yet been finalized by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL). However, Ministry of Railway has proposed draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Railway, Ministry of Coal and Government of Odisha for taking up railway projects in Odisha.

(c) & (d): As per the draft MoU the following 5 projects have been identified in Odisha which are as under:

S.No.	Name of Projects
1	Brundamal-Jharsuguda-Fly-over connection for joining down line (6.6 km)
2	Sambalpur-Talcher doubling (174 km)
3	Sambalpur-Titlagarh (182 km) doubling
4	Raipur-Titlagarh (203 km) doubling
5	Champa-Jharsuguda- 3rd line (165km)

This list is illustrative and is liable to change as per requirement.