

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF RAILWAY LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is inordinate delay in completion of the Khurda-Bolangir rail line project;
- (b) if so, the current status along with the project cost and progress of the said rail line project; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Khurda Road-Bolangir (289 Km.) new line was sanctioned in 1994-95 and there has been delay in completion of the project due to huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds.
- (b): Present anticipated cost of the project is `1996 crore. Track linking for Phase-I of the project between Khurda Road & Begunia (32.5 Km) has been completed. In Begunia- Dasapalla(80 Km.) section, land has been acquired in 48 Km. length and Earthwork & Bridge works have been taken up. Land acquisition in remaining section has also been taken up.
- (c): Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds. As such, it is not possible to allocate adequate funds to all projects on a regular basis which is a pre-requisite for fixing target.