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Need to bring East Coast Railway Zone, Bhubaneswar at par with other Railway Zones and make it fully operational—Laid.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR) : The people of Orissa are very much agitated due to the inordinate delay in making the East Coast Railway Zone fully operational. As the General Manager of this newly created Zone does not have adequate financial and administrative power, the small matters related to various proposals are referred to the Railway Board which cause inordinate delay. Even there has been a sharp decline in the Budgetary allocation to this Zone ever since its foundation was laid in 1986.

I request the Union Government to set up an independent accounting unit in the name of FA & CAO/East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar and the General Manager may be given full administrative and financial power as has been given to the General Managers of other zones for smooth functioning of the day to day official and project work. Immediate steps should be taken to make the zone fully operational.