

Title: Need to expedite the completion of Jeypore-Malkangiri railway section in Orissa.

SHRI PARSURAM MAJHI (NOWRANGPUR): The people of my Parliamentary Constituency of Nawarangpur are very much agitated due to the inordinate delay in the construction of Jeypore-Malkangiri and Jeypore-Nawrangpur line in Orissa. The survey of Jeypore-Malkangiri line was complete in two phases. The estimate cost of this project is Rs.562.05 Crore and have a viable rate of return of 14.28%. Once this line is completed, it will provide rail connectivity to a sizeable population in Southern Orissa. But the construction of this line has not been sanctioned so far. Similar is the case with the survey of Jeypore to Nawrangpur. The survey of the sector was sanctioned in 2005. But due to the lack of funds allocation the survey work has not yet been started. Since these two projects are life-line for the people of my Constituency, it is urgently necessary that work on these two projects should be initiated. These projects will provide direct and indirect employment to a large number of tribals in the Naxalite affected undivided Koraput districts.

In view of this, I demand that the Jeypore-Malkangiri line should be sanctioned and the survey of Jeypore-Nawrangpur line be initiated with adequate provision so that the project are completed at the earliest.