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Title: Need to expedite the completion of Khurda-Bolangir rail line project in Odisha.

SHRI RUDRAMADHAB RAY (KANDHAMAL): Khurda-Bolangir New Line (289 km) project was included in the budget 1994-1995. Although nearly 16 years have passed, the 1st phase (36 km) has not yet been completed. The then Hon'ble Minister for Railways in her reply to the U/S question No. – 1207 dated 3.3.2011 had stated that the 1st phase (36 kms) of the work has been targeted for completion during 2010-2011 i.e. by 31 March 2011. But till date the work has not been completed. On the other hand the budgetary allocation for the year which was 120 crores has been reduced to 60 crores in the budget 2011-2012. Almost all the Members of Parliament from Odisha across party line are concerned about delay in completion of this Khurda road-Bolangir Rail Line and are of the opinion that work should be expedited on this railway line without any delay.

Under the above circumstances, I urge upon the Hon'ble Railway Minister to expedite the progress with priority.