

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3940
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

NEW RAILWAY LINE FROM GUNUPUR-THERUBALI

3940. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made in the budget and survey conducted to construct New Railway line from Therubali to Gunupur via Bissam Cuttack in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same is likely to be disbursed;

(c) whether the Railways have any proposal to introduce new intercity train from Koraput district to Bhubaneswar and Koraput to Rakpur Junction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Extension of Naupada-Gunupur Broad Gauge line upto Theruvali (79.15 Km) was included in the Budget 2017-18 subject to clearance from the Government (*viz.* NITI Aayog and Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs). The Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project has been prepared. As per DPR the cost of the project is approx. ₹1273.74 crore with Rate of Return

(-)3.19%. Project being financially unviable, State Government of Odisha has been requested to provide land free of cost and share 50% cost of the project. Response of State Govt. of Odisha is awaited.

(c) & (d): Presently, Koraput is connected to Raipur and Bhubaneswar by 1 pair of trains service each. There is no proposal to introduce new train services between these sectors, at present due to operational and resource constraints.
