


## **Jeypore –Malkangiri New BG line Project**

### **Justification for locating the Project in Forest area**

- 1.1 The proposed new line between Jeypore –Malkangiri is part of rail connectivity from Junagarh to Bhadrachalam (440Kms) passing through major towns/District headquarters of Odisha viz. Navarangpur, Jeypore (existing station on KK line), Malkangiri. Malkangiri district presently has no rail head and is one of the most backward districts of Odisha.
- 1.2 As the new Railway line from Lanjigarh Road to Junagarh already commissioned. Construction of Navarangpur – Jeypore –Malkangiri will start shortly after land acquisition. It will be important & useful for the development of the area, and may later become important route for passenger trains in the state of Odisha.  
  
Moreover Govt of India has approved final location survey from Junagarh to Navarangpur and Malkangiri to Bhadrachalam in A.P. Hence it will be major rail route from Raipur to Hyderabad/Vijayawada also.
- 1.3 The area from Jeypore to Malkangiri is passing through hilly terrain, thick forests. Efforts made to minimize damage to forests and wild life. The important place en-route are Boipariguda, Tanginiguda, Mathili and Pondripani Road. Major town Boipariguda is approximately 25 Km from Jeypore via SH-25. There are a number of forest areas including Reserve Forests in the vicinity, and attempt has been made to keep interference with the forest area to the minimum extent.
- 1.4 The Malkangiri District have some industries, but the outgoing traffic and incoming traffic of these industries is neither sources from or destined to these districts. The financial viability of the project has been assessed as per freight traffic to mover over the project route viz. Agriculture produce, forest produce, industries and minerals.
- 1.5 State Govt of Odisha agreed to bear 25% of the total project cost and MOU made between Ministry of Railways and Govt.of Odisha to this extent. Considering the cost being shared by Govt. of Odisha, the Rate of Return on the project is assessed as 10.53%.
- 1.6 Having considered the need for development of Malkangiri District, the most backward district of Odisha in Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput Division, need for movement of expected traffic on the proposed section and State Govt. of Odisha's interest to develop the area and willingness to share 25% cost of the project, future extension of line up to Bhadrachalam & other places in Telangana /Andhra Pradesh States Railway Board has considered for new line between Jeypore –Malkangiri.
- 1.7 Various routes were identified from Jeypore to Malkangiri, considering various aspects of Project works, Socio economic issue & Interference of Forest land, the most feasible route with maximum safety at minimum cost and involving bare minimum requirement of forest land has been considered. No other alternative route is feasible which avoids forest land interference. All out efforts made to pass the proposed new line near the periphery of the forest areas.

  
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