

History of Indian Railways in Orissa

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| 1887 | The Bengal Nagpur Railway was formed. |
| 6 th Oct 1890 | The East Coast Railway was inaugurated. |
| 1893 to 1896 | 800 miles of East Coast Railway line was built and opened for traffic. |
| 1893 to 1896 | East Coast Railway built some of the largest bridges viz. Brahmani, Mahanadi, Katjuri, Kuakhai and Birupa during the period. |
| 1 st Feb 1897 | Khurda Road-Puri (27 miles) section was opened for traffic. |
| 1898-99 | Kharagpur-Cuttack was opened for traffic. |
| 1 st Jan 1899 | BNR's Line to Cuttack was opened. |
| March 1901 | The construction of a bridge on River Mahanadi near Cuttack was completed. |
| 1911 | A 40 mile branch line from Tatanagar to Gurumahisarani where plenty of iron ores are available was opened for traffic. |
| 1922 | BNR Hotel at Puri was established |
| 1922 | Tatanagar-Gurumahisani line was extended upto Badampahar. |
| Feb 1925 | Extension to Gua was completed. |
| 1929-31 | Parlakmedi-Gunupur section was opened in two portions in 1929 and 1931. |
| 1 st Oct 1944 | The management of Bengal Nagpur Railway was taken by Government of India. |
| 1955 | B N R Emerged as South Eastern Railway. |
| 1960 | The Dandakaranya-Bolangir-Kiriburu Railway Project. [Kottavalasa-Koraput-Jeypore-Kirandul Construction (Dandakaranya Project), Titlagarh-Bolangir-Jharsuguda Project and Rourkela-Kiriburu Project; all these 3 projects put together were popularly known as DBK Project - Dandakaranya-Bolangir-Kiriburu Project.] |
| 31 st Jan 1962 | Foundation stone of Cuttack-Paradip line was laid by the then Prime Minister, Late Jawarlal Nehru. |
| April 1963 | Sambalpur-Titlagarh line was opened for traffic. |
| 1968 | Cuttack-Paradip line was inaugurated. |
| 9 th July 1973 | Cuttack-Paradip line was opened for traffic. |
| 28 Feb 1977 | Jhakupura-Daitari line was opened for traffic. |
| Dec 1995 | 164 kms long Koraput-Raygada line was finished. |
| Aug 1998 | 174 kms long Talcher-Sambalpur line was opened. |
| 18 th Nov 2000 | Banspani-Jaroli (10.44 Km) was opened for traffic. |
| 4 th July 2002 | Govt of India gave a gazette notification about East Coast Railway (ECOR) being carved from the South eastern railway. ECOR is to consist of the Sambalpur, Khurda Rd and Visakhapatnam divisions. |
| 1 st April 2003 | East coast railway (ECOR) was operationalized. |
| Sept 2005 | Gauge conversion of 52 kms long Rupsa-Baripada was finished. |
| 2005 | Kharagapur-Visakhapatnam electrification finished. |
| 2006-07 | 155 kms long Daitari-Bansapani is scheduled to be finished. |
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History of introduction and extension of major trains via Orissa since 1996

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| 1996 | 15 new trains, 10 frequency increases and 13 extensions |
| Late 1996 | Hazrat Nizamuddin-Sambalpur Hirakud Express from tri-weekly to four days a week. |
| Late 1996 | Puri-Ahmedabad Express from weekly to tri-weekly. |
| Late 1996 | Howrah-Cochin Express upto Trivandrum once a week. |
| Late 1996 | Howrah-Secunderabad Falaknuma Express from tri-weekly to daily. |
| Late 1996 | Puri-Ahmedabad Express from weekly to tri-weekly. |
| 1997 | 12 new trains, 5 frequency increases and 14 extensions |
| Late 1997 | 8005/8006 Howrah-Rayagada Express to Kazipet |
| Late 1997 | 6311/6312 Bangalore-Howrah Weekly Express to Guwahati |
| Late 1997 | 6315/6316 Cochin-Howrah weekly Express to Trivandrum |
| Late 1997 | Koraput-Rayagada Link Express to Bhubaneswar |
| 1998 | 20 new trains, 11 frequency increases, 7 extensions, 4 EMUs, 5 DMUs |
| Late 1998 | Talcher-Sambalpur Passenger |
| Late 1998 | Bhubaneswar-Rourkela Express via Sambalpur |
| Late 1998 | 8403/8404 Puri-Ahmedabad Express from 3 days to 4 days a week |
| Late 1998 | Tiruchchirappalli-Howrah Express (tri-weekly) |
| 1999 | Nitish Kumar presented the Railway budget as the RM. 14 new trains, 4 frequency increases, 5 extensions, 4 MEMU and 4 DMUs. |
| 2000 | Mamata Banerjee presented the Railway budget as the RM. 13 new trains, 4 frequency increases, 11 extensions, 6 MEMUs and 3 DMUs. |
| Late 2000 | Patna-Rourkela Link express to Rourkela |
| 2001 | Mamata Banerjee presented the Railway budget as the RM. 25 new trains, 9 frequency increases, 12 extensions, 6 MEMU/EMU, and 4 DMUs. |
| Late 2001 | Kharagpur-Jaleswar-Bhubaneswar DMU |
| Late 2001 | Howrah-Trivandrum-Nagercoil Weekly express. |
| Late 2001 | Kacheguda-Palasa Visakha Express to Bhubaneswar. |
| Late 2001 | Bhubaneswar-Palasa Intercity Service |
| Late 2001 | Kurla-Bhubaneswar (Via Sambalpur) Weekly Express. |
| Late 2001 | Howrah-Yashwantpur (Bangalore) Bi-weekly Express. |
| 2002 | Nitish Kumar presented the Railway budget as the RM. 41 new trains, 14 frequency increases, 16 extensions, 3 MEMU/EMU, and 7 passenger trains. |
| Late 2002 | 8441/8442 Bhubaneswar-Palasa to Srikakulum |

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| Late 2002 | 2421/2422 New Delhi-BBSR Rajdhani from bi-weekly to tri-weekly and routed via Adra-Kharagpur instead of Howrah. |
| Late 2002 | Berhampur-Bhubaneswar |
| Late 2002 | Bhubaneswar-Howrah JanShatabdi |
| 2003 | Nitish Kumar presented the Railway budget as the RM. 50 new trains, 13 frequency increases, 24 extensions, & 11 MEMU/EMU. |
| Late 2003 | Ranchi-Mumbai (Lokmanya Tilak Terminus) via Rourkela & Nagpur (Weekly) |
| Late 2003 | 2443/2444 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express from 1 day to 2 days. |
| Late 2003 | Bhubaneswar-Bangalore (Yeshwantpur) via Visakhapatnam (Weekly) |
| Late 2003 | Ranchi (Hatia) –Bangalore (Yeshwantpur) via Jharsuguda & Visakhapatnam (Weekly) |
| Late 2003 | Puri - Guwahati via Asansol (Weekly) |
| Late 2003 | Sambalpur-Raipur via Titlagarh (Daily) |
| 2004 | Nitish Kumar had an interim budget as the RM in January and then in July Lalu Prasad presented the Railway budget as the RM. 33 new trains (including 18 Sampark Krantis proposed by Nitish Kumar), 12 frequency increases and 9 extensions. |
| Late 2004 | 8303/8304 Sambalpur-Bhubaneswar Express upto Puri. |
| Late 2004 | 411/8412 Bhubaneswar-Srikakulam Express upto Vishakhapatnam. |
| Late 2004 | Orissa Sampark Kranti Express from New Delhi to Bhubaneswar |
| 2005 | Lalu Prasad presented the Railway budget as the RM. 46 new trains, 10 frequency increases and 27 extensions. |
| Late 2005 | 8477/8478 Kalinga-Utkal express extended to Haridwar. |
| Late 2005 | Rupsa-Bangiriposi DMU introduced |
| Late 2005 | Bhubaneswar-Sambalpur express |
| Late 2005 | 2659/2660 Chennai – Visakhapatnam Express extended to Bhubaneswar |
| Late 2005 | 8407/8408 Nizamuddin-Bhubaneswar Hirakud Express to Visakhapatnam |
| Late 2005 | 2983/2984 Jaipur-Bilaspur Express to Puri |
| Late 2005 | 8003/8004 Howrah-Yeshwantpur Express from bi-weekly to daily with diversion via Tirupati. |
| 2006 | Lalu Prasad presented the Railway budget as the RM. 55 new trains, 12 frequency increases, and 37 extensions. |
| Late 2006 (planned) | Bhubaneswar-Baripada Express(tri-weekly) |
| Late 2006 (planned) | Howrah-Puri Express(bi-weekly) |
| Late 2006 (planned) | Bhubaneswar-Pondicherry Express(weekly) |
| Late 2006 (planned) | Tatanagar-Yeshwantpur Express via Rourkela-Sambalpur-Rayagada(weekly) |

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| Late 2006 (planned) | Howrah-Mumbai Express (weekly)?via Rourkela? |
| Late 2006 (planned) | 7227/7228 Vasco-Vijayawada Express (4 days a week) to Howrah |
| Late 2006 (planned) | 8507/8508 Visakhapatnam-Nizamuddin Hirakud Express to Amritsar |
| Late 2006 (planned) | 8305/8306 Raipur-Sambalpur Express to Bhubaneswar |
| Late 2006 (planned) | 8467/8468 Puri-Jaipur Express to Jodhpur |
| Late 2006 (planned) | 8563/8564 Bangalore-Visakhapatnam Prashanti Express to Bhubaneswar |
| Late 2006 (planned) | 211/212 Puri-Sambalpur Passenger to Rourkela |
| Late 2006 (planned) | 5625/5626 Bangalore-Guwahati Express from bi-weekly to tri-weekly |
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