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More rail lines for state on the anvil

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BALASORE, Sept. 28. — Orissa may have more railway lines soon under the expansion plan of South Eastern Railway. This was disclosed by the chief administrative officer (CAO) of South Eastern Railway Mr Animesh Ganguly. Surveys are on for railway lines in Chakulia-Buramara, Bangiriposhi-Gorumohisani and Digha- Jaleswar.

“Surveys are on to assess the volume of traffic , economic viability and feasibility for both Chakulia- Buramara and Bangiriposhi —Gorumohisani rail links with Mayurbhanj district. Depending on the report of Rets (Reconnaissance engineering and traffic survey) Railway may take up either of them or both, Mr Ganguly said.

He added further that these links were under survey anticipating an increase in the transportation after commissioning the Dhamra (Bhadrak) project which would serve as a vital link up to Tata. The Digha- Jaleswar line has already received the sanction for survey and the work is under progress, he added.

Mr Ganguly was here to inspect the work of non interlocking signal of Rupsa station and expansion of yard for passenger trains and goods trains. He was accompanied by the chief engineer Mr RP Diwakar , deputy chief engineer Mr BK Jain and divisional engineer Mr Gourisankar Rao. The team also inspected the lines near Baisinga and Baripda yesterday .

The long cherished dream of people of Mayurbjanj - running of passenger trains on the broad gauge lines — is likely to come true soon. It is learnt from Mr Ganguly that the running of train between Rupsa- Baripada could start any day as the line has already obtained fitness certificate of CRS (Commissioner of Railway safety) following his inspection on 5 September. “ The line has got certificate of having fitness for running at speed of 70 Kmph, which is likely to be improved . All rail materials used were second hand and the result was good” Mr Ganguly

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informed adding the first trial run on the line was made on 31 March .

Mr Ganguly further added that the work of conversion of line from Baripada to Bangiriposhi would be taken up after receiving the estimate sanction of the Railway board.

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