

**SALIENT FEATURES**

Length	155 Kms
Cost	Rs.91387 lakhs
State	Orissa
Division	Khurda
Chief Engineer	CE/C/III/BBS
Progress (Physical)	100% except Jakhapura Fly Over
Progress (Financial)	84.7%

Daitari-Banspani is 155 km long new railway line project. This line connects the Banspani and Daitari iron ore sectors of Orissa with Paradeep Port via a route which will be shorter by 335 km. than the route via Kharagpur. This makes the Iron Ore from Orissa more competitive in the international market. Many major steel plants are coming up in Kalinga Nagar Industrial Complex in Daitari area. This alignment serves these steel plants both for receipt of their raw materials and dispatch of the finished products. 1st passenger train (8416) on Jakhapura-Daitari line has been flagged off by Chairman, Railway Board on 04.01.2009.

**Progress of Work**

- i) Banspani – Keonjhar Section – Goods traffic is in operation by S.E.Railway since Aug., 2004.
- ii) Keonjhar – Tomka – All works completed and goods trains started plying since 25.03.2007 and passenger trains since 04.01.2009.
- iii) Fly Over Works between Jakhapura-Sukinda Road (9.2Km) – Physical Progress is 87.68%.