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# Nod for Angul-Sukinda track

## 2018 Deadline Set For The ₹1600-cr Railway Project In State

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**Bhubaneswar:** The much-awaited Angul-Sukinda Railway Line (ASRL) project has got forest clearance from the Centre and work permission from the state government. A target has been set to complete the 104-km rail line, with an estimated investment of ₹1,600 crore, by June 2018.

The project is finally on the track following several roadblocks since it started in 1998-99. "Land acquisition for the project is over though there are some local issues regarding compensation but we are hopeful of resolving



them," said managing director of the project Dillip Kumar Samantray.

The project authorities have acquired 250 acres of government land, including 31% forest land, and 220

### NINL sends pig iron

Nelchal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) at Kalinganagar Industrial Complex dispatched first pig iron container rake on Monday. Country's highest exporter of pig iron, NINL dispatched 2159.94 tonnes to a private company in Punjab. The company has got orders for dispatching of another five rakes of pig iron. TNN

acres of private land. A number of land owners in Kamakshyanagar moved court demanding more than three times the compensation fixed by the railway. They are refusing to receive the com-

pensation, Samantaray said.

The Angul-Sukinda railway line is being constructed in public-private partnership mode for providing vital rail link to industrial districts of Keonjhar, Angul and Talcher and Sukinda and Kalinga Nagar industrial belt. The major stakeholders of the projects are Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd, State government, Odisha Mining Corporation and Jindal Steel and Power Ltd.

For the project, ₹600 crore has been generated from equity and the rest ₹1,000 crore will be taken as loan from different banks. The rail line will have 78 bridges.