

AN OVERVIEW

East Coast Railway, with its headquarters at Bhubaneswar, became fully functional w.e.f. 01.04.2003, with jurisdiction over three divisions namely, Khurda Road, Sambalpur & Waltair. The Railway covers the states of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh & Chhattisgarh, with 2756 Route Kms. (BG & NG) and with 313 Railway Stations. It is famous for its Cultural Heritage like the World famous Lord Jagannath Temple at Puri, Sun Temple at Konark, Buddhist Monuments near Bhubaneswar and the important tourist spots like the Sea Beaches at Puri, Chandipur, Konark, Gopalpur & Visakhapatnam. The major Sea-ports of Paradeep, Gopalpur, Dhamara and Visakhapatnam falls within the jurisdiction of this Railway. The area also includes the Wildlife Sanctuaries of Similipal, Tikarapara and Bhattarkanika, where rare species of wildlife are being preserved. The beaches are also popular for nesting of OLIVE RIDLEY turtles. The major Sea-Ports play an important role for Railways, by providing infrastructure for various minerals & ores being exported outside India. Besides, the coal fields of Talcher and Jharsuguda, the NALCO at Damanjodi & Angul, Steel Plants at Rourkela & Visakhapatnam gives important and big revenue to the Railway exchequer by transport of their products through trains.

The following statistics reveal the on-date status of Medical Facilities on East Coast Railway:

Sl.	Particulars	Headquarters, Bhubaneswar	Waltair Division	Khurda Road Division	Sambalpur Division	Total
1	No. of Employees	2443	17294	18144	7223	45104
2	No. of Beneficiaries	9772	69176	72576	28892	180416
3	No. of RELHS Cardholders	2878	19534	5278	360	28050
4	No. of RELHS Beneficiaries	5756	39068	10556	720	56100
5	No. of Hospitals	1	1	1	1	4
6	Bed Strength of Hospitals	110	134	60	35	339
7	No. of Health Units	1	14	9	4	28