

**CHAPTER VII**  
**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**STATEMENT I**  
**Total Length of Railways**

Sl. No.	Name of the line	Broad Gauge or Narrow Gauge	Length in km.
1	Kottavalasa-Kirandul	Broad Gauge	158.6
2	Raipur-Vizianagaram	Broad Gauge	113.0
3	Nawpada-Gunapur	Narrow Gauge	4.1

Source : Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Waltair

**STATEMENT I-A**

Number of passengers travelled in some important railway stations of the district

Name of the station	Number of passengers travelled					
	1976-77		1977-78		1978-79	
	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Koraput	17,140	7,487	16,152	8,545	18,235	12,205
Rayagara	3,69,870	1,87,700	3,56,540	1,96,776	3,57,350	1,78,625
Gunapur	68,971	72,045	76,268	75,678	62,721	64,392
Jeypur	9,762	7,872	17,887	13,152	16,837	14,752
Kotpat Road*	7,418	7,442	9,992	9,978	8,474	8,513
Machhakund Road	3,198	3,195	3,318	3,320	3,234	3,246
Therubali	36,530	28,417	37,151	20,104	38,187	24,489
Bishamakatak	31,716	30,410	39,273	32,693	24,657	19,983

\* Passenger traffic opened from 1st September, 1976  
Source : Station Masters of respective Railway Stations

## STATEMENT II

Routes covered by Public and Private owned bus services

Sl. No.	Name of the route		Length in km.	Fair-weather or All-weather	No. of buses plying	No. of trips
1	2		3	4	5	6
Orissa State Road Transport						
1	Jeypur-Cuttack	..	550	All-weather	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	Jeypur-Berhampur	..	365	Ditto	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Jagadalpur-Vizagapatnam	..	312	Ditto	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	Koraput-Kanker	..	264	Ditto	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	Jeypur-Motu	..	200	Ditto	2	2
6	Jeypur-Gunapur	..	201	Ditto	1	1
7	Jeypur-Padia	..	170	Ditto	2	2
8	Jeypur-Chittrakonda	..	137	Ditto	3	3
9	Jeypur-Chandahandi	..	160	Ditto	2	2
10	Jeypur-Malkangiri	..	136	Ditto	1	1
11	Jeypur-Kundai	..	157	Ditto	2	2
12	Jagadalapur-Malkangiri	..	189	Ditto	2	2
13	Jeypur-Dharamgarh	..	158	Ditto	1	1
14	Jeypur-Jagadalapur	..	85	Ditto	1	1
15	Jeypur-Jalapat	..	102	Ditto	1	1
16	Jeypur-Giriliguma Via Koraput	..	97	Fair-weather	1	1
17	Jeypur-Ankadeli	..	62	All-weather	2	2
18	Jeypur-Chatwa	..	109	Ditto	2	2
19	Jeypur-Alamanda	..	132	Ditto	1	1

## STATEMENT II (Contd.)

Sl. No.	Name of the route	Length in km.	Fair-weather or All-weather	No. of buses plying	No. of trips
1	2	3	4	5	6
20	Jeypur-Sembaligura ..	48	All-weather	1	1
21	Jeypur-Paralakhemundi ..	260	Fair-weather	1	1
22	Jeypur-Kundura ..	52	All-weather	1	1
23	Jeypur-Patangi ..	70	Ditto	1	1
24	Jeypur-Koraput ..	22	Ditto	4	4
25	Jeypur-Khalap ..	40	Ditto	2	2
26	Jeypur-Nabarangapur ( Hat Special)	42	Ditto	1	1
27	Jeypur-Kotpat Ditto	50	Ditto	1	1
28	Jeypur-Kandili Ditto	56	Ditto	1	1
29	Jeypur-Bhejagura Ditto	82	Ditto	1	1
30	Jeypur-Dabugan Ditto	72	Ditto	1	1
31	Rayagara-Jeypur ..	131	Ditto	1	1
32	Rayagara-Gudari ..	107	Ditto	1	1
33	Rayagara-Sunger ..	96	Fair-weather	1	1
34	Rayagara-Kashipur ..	80	All-weather	1	1
35	Rayagara-Kalyansingpur ..	48	Ditto	2	2
36	Rayagara-Dabarakana ..	131	Fair-weather	1	1
37	Rayagara-Sunabeda ..	128	All-weather	1	1
38	Vizianagaram-Nabarangapur ..	211	Ditto	2	2
39	Vizianagaram-Kotpat ..	270	Ditto	1	1
40	Vizianagaram-Umarkote ..	275	Ditto	1	1
41	Vizianagaram-Jeypur ..	170	Ditto	1	1
42	Vizianagaram-Malkangiri ..	274	Ditto	1	1
43	Jeypur-Dasamantapur ..	38	Ditto	1	1
44	Kasagumura—Jeypur (Hat Special)	89	Ditto	1	1

## STATEMENT II (Concl'd.)

Sl. No.	Name of route	Length in km.	Fair weather or All-weather	No. of buses plying	No. of trips
1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Private</b>					
1	Dangar-Dhamanjori	.. 145	All weather-	1	1
2	Rayagara-Jaykaypur	.. 11	Ditto	5	18
3	Dangasorara-Gunapur	.. 103	Ditto	1	1
4	Katiki-Gudari touching Bathili	116	Ditto	1	1
5	Jharigan-Jeypur	.. 125	Ditto	1	1
6	Dandasara (O. B.)-Koraput	.. 146	Ditto	1	2
7	Gudari-Ambadala	.. 144	Ditto	1	1
8	Orkel-Motu	.. 137	Ditto	1	1
9	Tentulikhunti-Parsipara	.. 153	Ditto	1	1
10	Rayagara-Kalyansingpur	.. 48	Ditto	1	2
11	Bisinghpur-Ramgiri	.. 82	Ditto	1	1
12	Munigura-Rayagara	.. 64	Ditto	2	2
13	Chandili-Umarkote	.. 124	Ditto	2	2
14	Rayagara-Therubali service) (City	24	Ditto	2	5
15	Turedihi-Jeypur	.. 160	Ditto	1	1
16	Rayagara-Jeypur	.. 131	Ditto	1	1
17	Gunapur-Rayagada via Bishama-Katak	228	Ditto	1	1
18	Gunapur-Kendugura with middle trip to Padmapur	38	Ditto	2	2
19	Kantagan-Jeypur with middle trip to Indravati	168	Fair-weather	1	1
20	Rajoda-Jeypur with middle trip to Kasagumura	168	Ditto	1	1

Source: (a) District Transport Manager, Orissa State Road Transport Corporation, Jeypur

(b) Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Koraput

## STATEMENT IIA

Number of passengers travelled and amount realised as fare and freight in the Orissa State Road Transport Corporation buses

Year	No. of passengers travelled	Amount realised as fare and freight (Rs.)
1	2	3
1969-70	8,12,992	48,71,840·17
1970-71	10,85,379	53,70,113·67
1971-72	13,84,116	60,53,779·10
1972-73	16,10,805	66,44,181·53
1973-74	19,74,303	71,82,112·60
1974-75	21,87,810	76,29,841·53
1975-76	24,80,115	81,64,801·13
1976-77	27,18,401	85,66,132·21
1977-78	29,30,461	90,77,621·89
1978-79	31,84,647	94,05,058·71

Source: District Transport Manager, Orissa State Road Transport Corporation, Jeypur

## STATEMENT III

Roads as on 31st March, 1979

Name of the Road and category	All Weather or Fair Weather	Length					Total (km.)
		Cement- concrete (km.)	Black- topped (km.)	Metalled (km.)	Unmeta- lled (km.)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<b>1. National Highways</b>							
Salur-Jeypur- Madhya Pradesh border road	All weather	..	157·280	..	..	157·280	
Total N. H.						157·280	
<b>2. State Highways</b>							
(a) Bariguma-Bha- wanipatna road	Ditto	..	59·200	..	..	59·200	
(b) Koraput-Laxmi- pur-Rayagara road	Ditto	..	109·028	..	..	109·028	
(c) Rayagara-Kamatala- peta-Ramanagura Junction to Guna- pur road	Ditto	..	69·430	..	..	69·430	
(d) Baranasi-Gunapur road	Ditto	..	8·251	..	..	8·251	
(e) Kamatalapeta-Muni- gura-Tumudi- bandh road	Ditto	..	67·620	..	..	67·620	
(f) Munigura-Bhawa- nipatna road	Ditto	..	30·187	..	..	30·187	
Total S. H.						343·716	
<b>3. Major District Roads</b>							
(a) Sembaligura- Handipur road	Ditto	..	36·400	..	..	36·400	
(b) Vizagapatna-Jey- pur road	Ditto	..	83·000	..	..	83·000	
(c) Kamatalapeta-Kaly- anasingpur road	Fair Weather	..	34·012	4·628	..	38·640	

## STATEMENT III—(Contd.)

Name of the Road and category	All Weather or Fair Weather	Length					Total (km.)
		Cement- concrete (km.)	Black- topped (km.)	Metalled (km.)	Unmeta- lled (km.)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
(d) Rayagara-Karada road	All weather	..	25·156	..	..	25·156	
(e) Rupkana-Kashipur road	Ditto	..	32·000	6·640	..	38·640	
(f) Parvatipur-Laxmi-pur road	Fair weather	..	54·551	2·000	..	56·551	
(g) Gunapur-Bishama-katak road	All weather	..	29·308	4·000	..	33·308	
(h) Gunapur-Gudari road	Ditto	..	8·000	25·407	..	33·407	
(i) Parvatipur-Gunapur Road	Fair weather	..	16·000	1·610	..	17·610	
(j) Jaganathapur-Bathili road	All weather	..	..	3·119	..	3·119	
Total M. D. R.						365·831	
<b>4. Classified Village Roads</b>							
Total No. of roads—29	All except 4 roads* Fair weather	..	97·555	72·560	448·838	618·953	
<b>5. Roads maintained by erstwhile Rural Engineering Organisation</b>	..	..	2·000	256·000	633·000	891·000	
<b>6 Roads maintained by Panchayat Samitis</b>	..	..	..	53·000	4,501·160	4,554·160	

## STATEMENT III—(Concl'd.)

Name of the road and category	All Weather or Fair Weather	Length				
		Cement-concrete (km.)	Black-topped (km.)	Metalled (km.)	Unmetalled (km.)	Total (km.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7. Roads maintained by Grama Panchayats	..	..	1·000	1·000	6,630·330	6,632·330
8. Roads maintained by Forest Department (1977-78)	..	..	..	..	460·528	460·528
9. Roads maintained by different urban local bodies	..	16·925	143·765	130·802	164·760	456·252

\* All Weather roads—(a) Nabarangapur-Agnipur-Rajoda road (12 km.)

(b) Panchada-Dasamantapur road (8 km.)

(c) Umarkote-Jharigan road (18 km.)

(d) Ramanagura-Katiki road (10·80 km.)

Source : (a) Executive Engineers (Roads and Buildings), Koraput & Rayagara

(b) Chief Engineer, National Highways, Orissa, Bhubaneswar

(c) Chief Engineer, Erstwhile Rural Engineering Organisation, Orissa, Bhubaneswar

(d) Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa, Cuttack

(e) Collector, Koraput

(f) Different Urban Local Bodies



## STATEMENT IV

Statistics about some major bridges

Sl. No.	Name of the bridge with exact location	Total length in metre	No. of Spans with length	Type of bridge	When constructed	Cost of construction (In Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Bada Nulla bridge at 124th km. of 132 K. V. Line Road	100	5 spans of 20 metres each	R. C. C. 3 Beams	1970	14,67,500-00
2	Vansadhara bridge at 142nd km. of 132 K. V. Line Road	308	9 spans of 32 metres each and 2 spans of 10 metres each	R. C. C.	1970	45,20,000-00
3	Dambasara bridge at 10-00 km. on Gunapur-Padmapur Road	76.5	11 spans of 6 metres each	Submersible R. C. C. slab bridge	1976	5,19,600-00
4	Khamapadar bridge at 17-6 km. on Gunapur-Padmapur Road	36	5 spans of 6 metres each	R. C. C. bridge	1976	2,06,152-00
5	High level bridge over Bathpur Nulla on S. H. 5 at 19/0 to 20/0 km.	18.28	1 span of 60'-0"	Concrete with well foundation R. C. C. slab	1971	3,00,000-00 (Approx.)
6	Submersible bridge over Vansadhara on S.H.6 at 20/0 km.	45.72	6 spans of 25' 10" each	Open foundation R. C. C. slab	1973	6,00,000-00

## STATEMENT IV—(Concl'd.)

Sl. No.	Name of the bridge with exact location	Total length in metre	No. of Spans with length	Type of bridge	When constructed	Cost of construction (In Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	High level bridge over Kumudabali Nulla on S. H. 6 at 25.00 km. to 26.00 km.	15.24	One span of 50'-0"	Concrete open foundation	1974	3,00,000.00 (Approx.)
8	Seetagedda bridge at 190/4.6 km. on 132 K. V. Line Road	66.70	3 Spans of 17.90 metres and one end span of 6 metres	R. C. C. bridge	1970	9,79,000.00
9	High level bridge over river Indravati on State Highway No. 2 near Nabarangapur	213.18	8 Spans 5 x 31.24 mtr. 1 x 30.00 mtr. 1 x 12.08 mtr. 1 x 14.90 mtr.	H. L. Bridge	1978	29,39,033.00

Source : Executive Engineers, Rayagara (R&B) Division, Koraput (R & B) Division and Jeypur (R&B) Division

## STATEMENT V

## Places of Tourist Interest

In addition to the places of interest which find mention in the Koraput District Gazetteer (1966), the following places are also of tourist importance.

- (i) Chitrakonda .. It is located in Malkangiri Tahsil of the subdivision of the same name. A multipurpose dam has been constructed at this place on river Sileru. The water is utilised for generating electricity at Balimela. This is also a picnic spot. Distance 159 km. from Koraput. Accommodation available—one Inspection Bangalow with 12 rooms.
- (ii) Panchapatmali .. A rare hill range near Kakiriguma-21 km. in length and one km. in width having India's largest single bauxite deposit. Basing on this deposit one huge alumina factory is being established at Dhamanjori (near Sunabeda).
- (iii) Sabar Shrikshetra, Koraput At Koraput, the headquarters town of the district, a temple-complex known as Sabar Shrikshetra has come up on a hill top 150' (45.72 mtr.) high. The temple-complex has been planned in the model of the famous Jagannath temple-complex at Puri. The main temple which is 68' (20.72 mtr.) high is complete with Jagamohan and Mukhasala. The construction work on the site started in 1973 and the work is yet to be completed.

This temple of Lord Jagannath is located in the southern bordering district of Koraput which is mostly inhabited by the tribals. Lord Jagannath is claimed to be originally a tribal deity.

## STATEMENT V-A

## Number of Tourists visited different places of the district

Year		Indian	Foreign
1976-77	..	2,848	31
1977-78	..	4,192	29
1978-79	..	2,524	4

Source : Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs (Tourism), Orissa, Bhubaneswar

## STATEMENT VI

**Number of Post Offices with area and population served (as on 20th November, 1979)**

1. Number of Head Post Offices	..	3
2. Number of Lower Selection Grade Sub-offices	..	5
3. Number of 'A' class Sub-offices	..	5
4. Number of 'B' class Sub-offices	..	11
5. Number of 'C' class Sub-offices	..	51
6. Number of Extra-Departmental sub-offices	..	7
7. Number of Extra-Departmental Branch Offices	..	425
8. Number of Telegraph offices	..	56
9. Number of Telegraph offices with Public Call offices	..	56
10. Number of Public Call Offices without telegraph facility	..	48
11. Area served per post office	..	53.23 Sq. km.
12. Population per post office	..	4,030

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Source : Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Koraput Division, Jeypur

STATEMENT VI-A  
Postal business in the district

Postal Business	1976-77		1977-78		1978-79	
	Number	Amount (Rs.)	Number	Amount (Rs.)	Number	Amount (Rs.)
I	2	3	4	5	6	7
I Money Orders issued	3,71,663	3,16,01,930.07	3,75,625	3,29,18,075.90	3,91,695	3,39,26,684.17
II Money Orders paid	1,32,656	96,75,583.78	1,42,409	1,02,48,230.33	1,50,408	1,08,99,411.93
III Savings Banks Deposit	73,273	1,59,46,536.60	84,477	3,35,89,387.69	94,480	2,64,42,558.52
IV Savings Banks Withdrawal	40,059	98,66,888.40	45,126	1,17,53,317.90	48,353	1,34,64,507.86
V National Defence Certificates ..	1,347	3,46,290.00	1,678	4,76,040.00	1,688	7,26,810.00
VI Registered letters —						
(a) Number issued	40,800	..	6,16,371	..	6,60,117	..
(b) Number delivered	3,025	..	4,425	..	5,486	..
VII Parcels —						
(a) Number issued	90,961	..	93,396	..	98,152	..
(b) Number delivered	2,219	..	2,332	..	2,713	..
VIII Ordinary Letters—						
(a) Number issued	73,33,737	..	85,81,465	..	90,90,813	..
(b) Number delivered	46,013	..	47,744	..	52,039	..
IX Telegrams—						
(a) Number issued	1,833	..	6,115	..	12,158	..
(b) Number delivered	6,683	..	5,431	..	19,201	..
X Radio Sets—						
(a) Number Licensed	20,335	..	25,796	..	22,034	..
(b) Amount Realised (Rs.)	1,32,906.00	..	2,33,167.90	..	2,26,875.50	..

Source: Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Koraput Division, Jeypur

## STATEMENT VI-B

## Telephone Exchange

Sl. No.	Name of the Exchange	Equipped Capacity	Working Connections	Date of opening
1	Jeypur ..	600	542	21-10-1959
2	Korapat ..	200	184	21-1-1965
3	Rayagara ..	300	245	10-11-1962
4	Nabarangapur ..	100	97	29-1-1972
5	Sunabeda ..	200	152	25-3-1975
6	Kotpat ..	25	18	5-9-1965
7	Malkangiri ..	100	52	22-11-1969
8	Umarkote ..	50	35	27- 3-1975
9	Munigura ..	50	33	26-10-1972
10	Therubali ..	25	17	19-12-1976
11	Gunapur ..	100	67	31-3-1968

Source : General Manager, Telecom., Orissa Circle, Bhubaneshwar

Road Accidents in the district

Year	Number of accidents	Number of accidents due to							Number of persons killed	Number of persons injured	
		Bus	Truck	Car, Jeep and Taxi	Motor Cycle Rickshaw	Cycle	Other vehicles				
1969-70	..	153	22	56	37	4	..	3	35	13	48
1970-71	..	172	27	65	27	9	..	3	44	15	39
1971-72	..	163	12	67	35	13	..	3	38	14	47
1972-73	..	194	21	94	33	9	2	5	41	8	54
1973-74	..	181	19	76	31	10	..	3	44	11	44
1974-75	..	182	23	58	35	12	2	5	47	13	46
1975-76	..	187	27	66	30	21	1	3	40	6	51
1976-77	..	207	27	73	40	21	3	10	39	3	42
1977-78	..	198	28	81	37	21	6	2	24	11	38
1978-79	..	255	3	100	49	30	2	2	3	18	105

Source : Superintendent of Police, Koraput