Indian Railways line history

1. South Eastern Railway

The following is a summary of history of the lines of the South Eastern Railway as it was formerly constituted (i.e. between 1955 and the reorganisations of 2002-3). Opening and closure dates are for regular traffic, dates in brackets are for goods traffic. The condition of the lines, including spelling of place names (as far as possible), is at Independence (15th August 1947). Letters in brackets after a place name indicate a physical junction to another system. Lines are organised geographically, according to their branching from the main line. A code precedes the name of the line. This uses a formula based on the geographical organisation: X is the main line. X1 is the first branch, X1.1 a line off the first branch, and so on. The system does not number lines used for goods traffic only (indicated by a G), and does not include lines closed before 1947 (indicated by a ~ before the name of the line) or lines opened after 1947 (indicated by a + sign). (det) indicates a line detached from the main system.

The main source has been the ‘History of Indian Railways Supplement’, Simla, 1968, a copy of which is available at the British Library. This is a list of the opening dates and distances (in kilometres) of the various lines opened up to around 1955. As far as possible, the information has been cross-referenced with the Indian Railways Administrative Reports (various titles, issued variously in London, Simla and Delhi). Information on lines opened after around 1955 is derived from publicly available internet sources and must be regarded as highly speculative. The East Coast Railway system map has been especially useful in establishing the existence of more recent lines. Also useful have been the equivalents for Chakradharpur, Kharagpur and Rourkela Divisions of South Eastern Railway, and Raipur and Nagpur Divisions of South East Central Division.

Any information and clarification gratefully received. The history of the coalfield lines around Asansol and Dhanbad has been particularly difficult to establish and in view of this I would particularly appreciate a decent map of the Adra Division of South Eastern Railway, if one is available. I have tried to keep the formatting as simple as possible so as to minimise loading times. I’m afraid I have not worked out how to use the footnotes properly and may well not use them in future lists. Comments on the layout welcomed. My apologies in advance for any errors, particularly in regard to spelling of names.
South Eastern Railway

The South Eastern Railway was formed on 1st August 1955 from the Adra, Kharagpur, Sambalpur, Khurda Road, Chakradharpur, Bilaspur, Nagpur and Visakhapatnam Divisions of the Eastern Railway. On 1st April 2003, Sambalpur, Khurda Road and Waltair Divisions became part of the East Coast Railway and Bilaspur and Nagpur Divisions became part of the South East Central Railway.

Bengal Nagpur Railway

The Bengal Nagpur Railway was owned by the Government of India and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway Company (formed 1887) from opening until 30th September 1944. The Government of India took over working on 1st October 1944. The Bengal Nagpur Railway was merged into the Eastern Railway on 14th April 1952.

BN: Bengal Nagpur main line (Broad gauge: 704 miles)
- Tikiapara (EI) to Rajapur Khal (17 miles) opened 14 December 1900
- Rajapur Khal to Khal Bridge (19 miles) opened 24 May 1900
- Khal Bridge (Kolaghat) to Kharagpur (45 miles) opened (17 Dec 1898) 6 March 1899
- Kharagpur (Khargpur) to Sini (99 miles) opened (1 June) 20 Sept 1898
- Sini to Chakradharpur (17 miles) opened (22 Jan) c. June 1890
- Chakradharpur to Goilkera (20 miles) opened (15 May 1890) 28 Mar 1891
- Goilkera to Jharsuguda (Sambalpur Road) (104 miles) opened (1 Feb) 28 Mar 1891
- Jharsuguda (Sambalpur Road) to Raigarh (45 miles) opened (20 Apr) 1 August 1890
- Raigarh to Bilaspur (83 miles) opened (10 Feb) 24 Mar 1890
- Bilaspur to Raipur (68 miles) opened (10 Jan) 14 February 1889
- Raipur to Rajnandgaon (42 miles) opened 4 December 1888
- Rajnandgaon to Amgaon 1 (Metre gauge: 51 miles) opened (16 Dec 1882) 5 Feb 1883
- Amgaon to Gondia 1 (Metre gauge: 14 miles) opened 25 November 1881
- Gondia to Tirora 1 (Metre gauge: 18 miles) opened 18 May 1881
- Tirora to Tumsar 1 (Metre gauge: 13 miles) opened 21 February 1881
- Tumsar to Kampti 1 (Metre gauge: 44 miles) opened (6 Apr) 8 Nov 1880
- Kampti to Nagpur (GIP) 1 (Metre gauge: 19 miles) opened (6 Apr) 26 July 1880
- # Rajnandgaon to Nagpur (Metre to Broad gauge: 145 miles) converted 27 November 1888

BN1: Shalimar branch (Broad gauge: 3 miles)
- Santragachi Junction to Shalimar (3 miles) opened 15 March 1901

BN(G)(det.): Kidderpore Docks branch (Broad gauge: ½ mile (goods only))
- Hooghly Foreshore to Kidderpore Docks (½ mile) opened (10 April 1902)

BN(G): Fort Gloster branch (Broad gauge: 2 miles (goods only))
- Bauria to Fort Gloster (2 miles) opened (12 February 1904)

+ Amta branch (Broad gauge: 28 miles)
- Santragachi Junction to Domjaur (12 miles) opened 22 April 1984
- Domjaur to Bargarhia (5 miles) opened c. 1985
- Bargachia to Mahendra Lahnagar (3 miles) opened 22 July 2002
- Mahendra Lahnagar to Amta (8 miles) opened December 2004

+ Baltikura-Dankuni line (Broad gauge: c. 3 miles)
- Baltikura to Dankunia (ER) (3 miles) opened c. 1984?

+ Haldia branch (Broad gauge: 30 miles)
- Panskura to Durga Chak (Tamluk) (14 miles) opened January 1968
- Tamluk to Haldia (16 miles) opened (Oct 1975) 1 June 1976?

+ Digha branch (Broad gauge: 55 miles)

1 Opened as part of the Nagpur-Chhattisgarh Provincial State Railway. The Nagpur-Chhattisgarh Provincial State Railway was owned by the Provincial Government and worked as part of the Indian State Railways. The Nagpur-Chhattisgarh Provincial State Railway was absorbed by the Bengal Nagpur Railway on 9th May 1887.
Tamluk to Bajkul (20 miles) opened 26 February 2001
Bajkul to Kanthi (Contai) (15 miles) opened 20 November 2003
Contai to Digha (20 miles) opened 30 December 2004

BN2: Kharagpur-Gomoh line (Broad gauge: 148 miles)
  Kharagpur (Kharagpur) to Kosi (Cossye) River (6 miles) opened (20 Dec 1899) 1 Feb 1900
  Kosi River to Midnapur (Midnapore) (2 miles) opened 8 June 1901
  Midnapur to Bhojudih (114 miles) opened 1 February 1903
  Bhojudih to Gomoh (EI) (26 miles) opened 1 January 1907

BN2.1: Anara-Rukni Chord (Broad gauge: 5 miles)
  Rukni to Anara (5 miles) opened 3 May 1920

BN2.2: Bhojudih-Mohuda loop (Broad gauge: 19 miles)
  Bhojudh to Bhagra (7 miles) opened 20 April 1903
  Bhagra to Malkera (9 miles) opened 1 September 1903
  Malkera to Mohuda (5 miles) opened 15 June 1904

BN2.2.1: Pathardih branch (Broad gauge: 2 miles)
  Sudamidh to Bhowra (2 miles) opened (14 May 1903) 17 Feb 1914?
  Bhowra to Pathardih (½ mile) opened 10 January 1915

BN2.2(G): Jamadhodja loop (Broad gauge: 5 miles (goods only))
  Mile 0 to Mile 1.33 (1 mile) opened (16 September 1904)
  Mile 1.33 to Mile 2.28 (1 mile) opened (8 February 1904)
  Mile 2.28 to Mile 3.04 (1 mile) opened (7 May 1904)
  Mile 3.04 to Mile 4.02 (1 mile) opened (21 September 1904)
  Mile 4.02 to Mile 5.50 (1 mile) opened (12 January 1904)

BN2.2(G): Malkera-Katrasgarh cross connection (Broad gauge: 1 mile (goods only))
  Malkera to Katrasgarh (EI) (1 mile) opened (1904)

BN2.2(G): Chetudi-Kharkari line (Broad gauge: 4 miles (goods only))
  Chetudi to Kharkharee (3 miles) opened (16 February 1927)
  Dharmaband to Kharkari (1 mile) opened (9 December 1927)

BN2.2(G): Mohuda avoiding line (Broad gauge: 1 mile (goods only?))
  Mohuda avoiding line (1 mile) opened (10 July 1926)

+ Bokaro Steel City branch (Broad gauge: c. 18 miles)
  Talguria to Bokaro Steel City (c. 18 miles) opened 1964

BN2.3: Chandrapura branch (Broad gauge: 12 miles)
  Mohuda to Chandrapura (EI) (12 miles) opened 27 November 1913

BN3: Kharagpur-Vishakapatnam line (Broad gauge: 473 miles)
  Kharagpur to Balasore (72 miles) opened (17 Dec 1898) 6 March 1899
  Balasore to Barang (Cuttack Road) (117 miles) opened (10 Jan) 6 March 1899
  Barang (Cuttack Road) to Bhubaneswar² (10 miles) opened 1 February 1897
  Bhubaneswar to Khurda Road² (12 miles) opened (20 July) 1 September 1896
  Khurda Road to Rambha² (62 miles) opened 1 March 1896
  Rambha to Berhampur² (Ganjam) (29 miles) opened (1 Sept) 15 October 1895
  Berhampur to Palasa² (46 miles) opened 1 April 1895
  Palasa to Naupada (Parlakimedi Road)² (33 miles) opened (17 Dec 1894)
  Naupada (Parlakimedi Road) to Vizianagaram² (55 miles) opened (20 July 1894)
  Vizianagaram to Waltair (Visakhapatnam)² (37 miles) opened (20 July) 21 August 1893
  Waltair to Visakhapatnam (Vizagapatnam)² (2 miles) opened (20 July) 21 August 1893

² Opened as part of the East Coast State Railway. The East Coast Railway was owned and worked by the Government of India. The Cuttack to Vizianagaram section and the Puri branch were worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway from 1st January 1902 and ownership transferred to that railway on 23rd October 1902.
~ Waltair (Visakhapatnam) to old Visakhapatnam (2 miles)  closed

BN3(G): Naupada salt factory branch (Broad gauge: 3 miles (goods only))
Naupada to Salt Factory (3 miles)\(^2\)  opened 6 July 1900

BN3(G): Visakhapatnam Port branch (Broad gauge: 2 miles (goods only))
Visakhapatnam Port branch (swamp line) (2 miles)\(^2\)  opened (1 October 1894)

BN3.1: Rupsa-Bangriposi line (Narrow gauge: 71 miles)
Rupsa to Baripada\(^1\) (32 miles)  opened 20 January 1905
Baripada to Talband (Bangriposi)\(^3\) (38 miles)  opened 15 July 1920
# Rupsa to Baripada (Narrow to Broad gauge)  converted 31 December 2004

+ Daitari branch (Broad gauge: 20 miles)
Jhakhapura (Jajpur) to Daitari (20 miles)  opened 20 February 1977

+ Daitari-Jaroli line (Broad gauge: 96 miles)
Tomka to Jaroli (96 miles)  opened c. 2006-7

BN3.2: Talcher branch (Broad gauge: 61 miles)
Nergundi Block Hut to Talcher (61 miles)  opened 20 January 1927

+ Kapilas spur (Broad gauge: 2 miles)
Kapilas Road to Salegaon (2 miles)  opened c. 1965

+ Paradip branch (Broad gauge: 52 miles)
Cuttack Junction (Katha PH) to Paradip (52 miles)  opened 9 July 1973

+ Barang-Rajathgarh Chord (Broad gauge: 16 miles)
Ratathgarh Junction to Barang Junction (16 miles)  opened c. 1965

+ Radhakishorepur spur (Broad gauge: 1 mile)
Machapur Block Hut to Radhakishorepur Junction (1 mile)  opened c. 1965

BN3.3: Puri branch (Broad gauge: 27 miles)
Khurda Road to Puri (temporary) (25 miles)\(^5\)  opened 1 February 1897
Puri (temporary) to Puri (2 miles)\(^6\)  opened 1 June 1898

BN3.4: Naupada-Gunupur line (Narrow gauge: 56 miles)
Naupada (Navapara) to Parlamemedi\(^7\) (25 miles)  opened 1 April 1900
Parlamemedi to Varanasi\(^8\) (16 miles)  opened 17 January 1929
Varanasi to Gunupur\(^2\) (16 miles)  opened 16 November 1931
~ Naupada to Gunupur (closed for gauge conversion)  closed 9 June 2004
# Naupada to Gunupur (reopened as Broad gauge)  reopened

BN3.5: Vizianagaram-Raipur line (Broad gauge: 286 miles)
Vizianagaram to Bobbili (33 miles)  opened 24 December 1908
Bobbili to Parvatipuram (15 miles)  opened 8 March 1909
Parvatipuram to Jamadipta (20 miles)  opened 31 March 1930

\(^1\) Opened as the Mourbhanj Railway. The Mourbhanj Railway was owned by Mourbhanj State and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway. The Mourbhanj Railway was renamed the Mayurbhanj Railway and ownership transferred to the Mayurbhanj Railway Company on 15th July 1920. Ownership was transferred to the Government of India and the Mayurbhanj Railway absorbed by the Bengal Nagpur Railway on 1st April 1950.

\(^2\) Opened as part of the Mayurbhanj Railway

\(^3\) Opened as branch of East Coast State Railway

\(^4\) Opened as extension of Puri branch of East Coast State Railway

\(^5\) Opened as Parlamemedi Light Railway. The Parlamemedi Light Railway was originally owned and worked by Parlamemedi State. The Bengal Nagpur Railway commenced working the line on 1st January 1902. Ownership was transferred to the Government of India and the Parlamemedi Light Railway absorbed by the Bengal Nagpur Railway on 1st February 1950.

\(^6\) Opened as extension of Parlamemedi Light Railway
Jamadipet to Rayaguda (9 miles) opened 12 April 1930
Rayaguda to Theruvali (12 miles) opened 31 March 1931
Theruvali to Titlagarh (74 miles) opened 20 December 1931
Titlagarh to Harishanka Road (35 miles) opened 30 September 1930
Harishanka Road to Jonk (26 miles) opened 30 March 1930
Jonk to Raipur (63 miles) opened 15 November 1929

BN3.5(G): Raipur avoiding line (Broad gauge: 3 miles (goods only?))
Raipur avoiding line (3 miles) opened (16 May 1930)

BN3.5.1: Salur branch (Broad gauge: 10 miles)
Bobbili to Salur (10 miles) opened 1 May 1913

+ Kirandul branch (Broad gauge: 276 miles)
Kottavalasa to Kirandul (276 miles) opened May 1966

+ Koraput-Rayaguda line (Broad gauge: 102 miles)
Koraput to Machilguda (Damanjodi) (12 miles) opened December 1985
Machilguda to Rayaguda (90 miles) opened 30 December 1995

+ Manabar curve (Broad gauge: ½ mile)
Manabar to B Cabin Block Hut (½ mile) opened December 1985?

BN3.6: Waltair-Duvvada line (Broad gauge: 6 miles)
Gopalapatnam to Duvvada (M&SM) (8 miles) opened (20 July (21 August) 1893

BN3.6(G): Waltair avoiding line (Broad gauge: 2 miles)
Jaggayapalem to Simhachalem North (2 miles) opened 30 March 1945

BN4: Badampahar branch (Broad gauge: 56 miles)
Kalimati (Tatanagar) to Onlajori (34 miles) opened 1 February 1911
Onlajori to Badampahar (22 miles) opened 23 October 1923

BN4.1: Gorumahisani branch (Broad gauge: 16 miles)
Onlajori to Gorumahisani (16 miles) opened 6 April 1911

BN5: Sini-Asansol line (Broad gauge: 102 miles)
Sini to Purulia (55 miles) opened (22 Jan) c. June 1890
Purulia to Damodar (Dhieka) (41 miles) opened 15 December 1889
Damodar (Dhieka) to Asansol (EL) (6 miles) opened (12 June) 15 December 1889

BN5.1: Kandra-Gamharia chord (Broad gauge: 6 miles)
Kandra to Gamharia (6 miles) opened (2 Dec 1919) 30 June 1925

BN5.2: Chandil-Barkakana line (Broad gauge: 75 miles)
Chandil to Barkakana (EL) (75 miles) opened 31 March 1927

BN5.3: Purulia-Lohardaga line (Narrow gauge: 120 miles)
Purulia to Ranchi (72 miles) opened 15 November 1907
Ranchi to Lohardaga (33 miles) opened 6 October 1913
# Kotshila to Ranchi (Narrow to Broad gauge) converted 1960
# Purulia to Kotshila (Narrow to Broad gauge) converted 1992
# Ranchi to Lohardaga (Narrow to Broad gauge) converted

+ Kotshila-Chandrapura line (Broad gauge: c. 20 miles)

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9 Opened as part of East Coast State Railway; transferred to Madras Railway 23 October 1902 and to Madras & Southern Mahratta Railway 1 January 1908; transferred to Bengal Nagpur Railway 10 October 1945
10 Opened as part of the Purulia-Ranchi Railway. The Purulia-Ranchi Railway was owned by the Government of India and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway. The Purulia-Ranchi Railway was merged into the Eastern Railway on 14th April 1952.
Kotshila to Chandrapura (c. 20 miles) opened April 1964

+ Beda curve (Broad gauge: c. ½ mile)
  DRGU to Beda? (c. ½ mile) opened April 1964?

+ Ranchi-Rourkela line (Broad gauge: 106 miles)
  Ranchi to Hatia opened around 1965
  Hatia to Bondamunda opened around 1965

BN5(G): Chaurashi branch (Broad gauge: 8 miles (goods only))
  Ramkanali to Nadiha colliery (8 miles) opened (1 February 1903)

BN5(G): Sanctoria colliery branch (Broad gauge: 7 miles (goods only))
  Damodar (Diheka) to Sanctoria mines (7 miles) opened (12 June 1889)

BN5(G): Aldih branch (Broad gauge: 3 miles (goods only))
  Mile 0 to Mile 1.30 (1 mile) opened (12 February 1904)
  Mile 1.30 to Mile 1.55 (1 mile) opened (19 May 1904)
  Mile 1.55 to Mile 2.55 (1 mile) opened (13 June 1904)

BN5(G): Kendwa branch (Broad gauge: 2 miles (goods only))
  Kendwa branch (2 miles) opened 10 October 1899

BN6: Gua branch (Broad gauge: 65 miles)
  Amda (Raj Kharaswau) to Dongaoposi (47 miles) opened 17 January 1924
  Dongaoposi to Barajamda (13 miles) opened 20 February 1925
  Barajamda to Gua (5 miles) opened 20 February 1925

BN6.1: Barabil branch (Broad gauge: 6 miles)
  Barajamda to Barabil (Barbil) (6 miles) opened 16 February 1926

+ Bolanikhadan extension (Broad gauge: 6 miles)
  Barbil to Bolanikhadan (6 miles) opened around 1970

+ Padapahar-Jaroli line (Broad gauge: 23 miles)
  Padapahar to Banspani (17 miles) opened around 1970
  Banspani to Jaroli (6 miles) opened 18 November 2000

+ Barsua branch (Broad gauge: 47 miles)
  Bondamunda to Barsua (47 miles) opened 1 January 1960

+ Kiriburu branch (Broad gauge: 25 miles)
  Bimalgarh to Kiriburu (25 miles) opened 15 April 1963

BN7: Birmirampur branch (Broad gauge: 18 miles)
  Panposh to Koel River (2 miles) opened 17 September 1926
  Koel River to Birmirampur (16 miles) opened 21 January 1932?

~ Panposh-Raipura line (Broad gauge: 14 miles)
  Panposh to Raipura (14 miles) opened 24 November 1919
  closed by 1925?

BN8: Sambalpur branch (Broad gauge: 30 miles)
  Jharsuguda to Sambalpur (30 miles) opened (1 Feb) 10 March 1893

+ Sambalpur--Titlagarh line (Broad gauge: 114 miles)
  Sambalpur to Titlagarh (114 miles) opened April 1963

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11 Opened as the Panposh-Raipura Railway. The Panposh-Raipura Railway was owned by the Panposh-Raipura Railway Company and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway. Ownership was transferred to the Government of India and the Panposh-Raipura Railway absorbed by the Bengal Nagpur Railway on 1st April 1923.
+ Sambalpur-Talcher line (Broad gauge: 97 miles)
  Sambalpur Road to Kilometer 491.890 (97 miles) opened 15 August 1998

+ Sambalpur spur (Broad gauge: ½ mile)
  Sambalpur City to Sarala Junction (½ mile) opened 15 August 1998

+ Talcher Road south east spur (Broad gauge: ½ mile)
  Talcher Road to Kilometer 490.987 (½ mile) opened 15 August 1998

+ Gevra Road branch (Broad gauge:
  Champa to Gevra Road opened by 1975

BN9: Katni branch (Broad gauge: 199 miles)
  Bilaspur to Birsinghpur (142 miles) opened (1 Feb) 9 March 1891
  Birsinghpur to Umaria (18 miles) opened (11 May 1890) 8 March 1891
  Umaria to Katni (37 miles) opened 2 November 1886
  Katni to Marwara Junction (GIP) (½ mile) opened 1 January 1901

BN9.1: Chirimiri branch (Broad gauge: 54 miles)
  Anuppur to Bijuri (30 miles) opened 17 June 1928
  Bijuri to Manendragarh (10 miles) opened 25 April 1929
  Manendragarh to Chirimiri (14 miles) opened 23 January 1931

+ Bishrampur and Ambikapur extensions (Broad gauge: 72 miles)
  Boridand to Bishrampur (57 miles) opened around 1965?
  Bishrampur to Ambikapur (15 miles) opened c. 2006

+ Tiger Hill branch (Broad gauge: 7 miles)
  Darritola to Tiger (Duman) Hill opened around 1965?

BN10: Raipur-Dhamtari line (Narrow gauge: 46 miles)
  Raipur to Kurud (32 miles) opened 10 September 1900
  Kurud to Dhamtari (14 miles) opened 17 December 1900

BN10.1: Rajim branch (Narrow gauge: 11 miles)
  Abhanpur Junction to Rajim (10 miles) opened 15 October 1900
  Rajim to Rajim Town (1 mile) opened 13 May 1906

+ Ahiwara branch (Broad gauge: 12 miles)
  Bhilai to Ahiwara (12 miles) opened 1 April 1960

+ Dalli Rajhara branch (Broad gauge: 53 miles)
  Durg to Dalli Rajhara (53 miles) opened 14 May 1958

BN11: Gondia-Jabalpur line (Narrow gauge: 143 miles)
  Gondia to Nainpur (77 miles) opened 18 April 1903

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12 Opened as the Bilaspur-Etawa Provincial State Railway. The Bilaspur-Etawa Provincial State Railway was owned by the Provincial Government and worked as part of the Indian State Railways. The Bilaspur-Etawa Provincial State Railway was renamed the Katni-Umaria Provincial State Railway around 1887. The Katni-Umaria Provincial State Railway was absorbed by the Bengal Nagpur Railway on 1st January 1888.

13 Opened as the Anuppur-Chirimiri section of Central Indian Coalfields Railway. The Central Indian Coalfields Railway was owned by the Government of India. The section from Anuppur to Chirimiri was worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway and was absorbed by that railway on 1st October 1944.

14 Opened as the Raipur-Dhamtari Railway. The Raipur-Dhamtari Railway was owned by the Government of India and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway. The Raipur-Dhamtari Railway was merged into the Eastern Railway on 14th April 1952.

15 Opened as branch of Raipur-Dhamtari Railway

16 Opened as extension of Rajim branch of Raipur-Dhamtari Railway

17 Opened as part of the Jubbulpore-Gondia Extension Railway: The Jubbulpore-Gondia Extension Railway was owned by the Government of India and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway. The Jubbulpore-Gondia Extension Railway was opened on 18 April 1903.
Nainpur to Burgi (51 miles)\(^{17}\) opened 5 July 1904
Burgi to Howbagh Jabalpur (16 miles)\(^{17}\) opened 7 April 1905
Howbagh Jabalpur to Jubbulpore (Jabalpur) (1 mile)\(^{17}\) opened 15 September 1905
# Gondia to Balaghat (Narrow to Broad gauge) converted

BN11.1: Katangi branch (Narrow gauge: 29 miles)
Balaghat to Katangi (29 miles)\(^{18}\) opened 1 May 1913

BN11.1.1: Ramrama branch (Narrow gauge: 6 miles)
Saongi to Ramrama (Ramrama Tola) (6 miles)\(^{18}\) opened 1 November 1913 closed

BN11.2: Mandla branch (Narrow gauge: 26 miles)
Nainpur to Garha Mandla (Mandla Fort) (26 miles)\(^{18}\) opened 15 February? 1909

BN11.3: Nainpur-Chhindwara line (Narrow gauge: 87 miles)
Nainpur to Seoni (47 miles)\(^{19}\) opened 12 February 1904
Seoni to Chowra (Chaurai) (19 miles)\(^{19}\) opened 27 July 1904
Chowra to Chhindwara (21 miles)\(^{19}\) opened 1 September 1904

BN11.3.1: Parasia branch (Narrow gauge: 22 miles)
Chhindwara to Khirsadoh (16 miles)\(^{19}\) opened 15 March 1906
Khirsadoh to Barkuhi (5 miles)\(^{19}\) opened 21 March 1907
Barkuhi to Parasia (1 mile)\(^{19}\) opened 23 December 1922
# Chhindwara to Parasia (Narrow to Broad gauge) converted 1996

BN12: Gondia-Chanda line (Narrow gauge: 150 miles)
Gondia (Gondha) to Nagbhir (82 miles)\(^{20}\) opened 10 November 1908
Nagbhir to Rajoli (31 miles)\(^{20}\) opened 1 December 1910
Rajoli to Chanda Fort? (34 miles)\(^{20}\) opened 1 April 1913
Chanda Fort to Babupeth (1 mile)\(^{20}\) opened 20 February 1916
# Gondia to Wadsa (65 miles): Narrow to Broad gauge converted 1994
# Wadsa to Nagbhir (17 miles): Narrow to Broad gauge converted 1996
# Nagbhir to Chanda Fort (68 miles): Narrow to Broad gauge converted by 2005

BN12.1: Nagbhir-Nagpur line (Narrow gauge: 62 miles)
Nagbhir to Itwari (62 miles)\(^{21}\) opened 10 November 1908
Itwari? to Motibagh (4 miles)\(^{21}\) opened 1 June 1909
Motibagh to Nagpur (½ mile)\(^{21}\) opened 1 July 1925

BN12.2: Nagpur-Chhindwara line (Narrow gauge: 88 miles)
Itwari Junction to Lodhikhera (39 miles)\(^{22}\) opened 1 January 1911
Lodhikhera to Sausar (7 miles)\(^{22}\) opened 10 May 1911
Sausar to Chhindwara (42 miles)\(^{22}\) opened 20 October 1913

BN12.2.1: Katchidana branch (Narrow gauge: 4 miles?)
Rohnas to Katchidana (4 miles?)\(^{23}\) opened 20 October 1913

Railway merged with the Nagpur-Chhindwara Railway and the Gondia-Chanda Railway to form the Satpura Railway around 1920. The Satpura Railway was owned by the Government of India and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway. The Satpura Railway was merged into the Eastern Railway on 14th April 1952 (?).

\(^{18}\) Opened as a branch of the **Jubbulpore-Gondia Extension Railway**

\(^{19}\) Opened as part of a branch of the **Jubbulpore-Gondia Extension Railway**

\(^{20}\) Opened as part of the **Gondia-Chanda Railway**. The Gondia-Chanda Railway was owned by the Government of India and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway. The Gondia-Chanda Railway was merged with the Jubbulpore-Gondia Extension Railway and the Nagpur-Chhindwara Railway to form the Satpura Railway around 1920. The Satpura Railway was merged into the Eastern Railway on 14th April 1952.

\(^{21}\) Opened as part of branch of **Gondia-Chanda Railway**

\(^{22}\) Opened as part of the **Nagpur-Chhindwara Railway**. The Nagpur-Chhindwara Railway was owned by the Government of India and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway. The Nagpur-Chhindwara Railway merged with the Gondia-Chanda Railway and Jubbulpore-Gondia Extension Railway to form the Satpura Railway around 1920.

\(^{23}\) Opened as a branch of **Nagpur-Chhindwara Railway**
BN12.2.2: Khapa branch (Narrow gauge: 5 miles)
Saoner Junction to Khapa (5 miles)\(^23\) opened 1 January 1911

BN13: Tirodi branch (Broad gauge: 29 miles)
Tumsur Junction to Tumsur Road (½ mile) opened 22 May 1929
Tumsur Road to Tirodi (Narrow (2ft) gauge: 28 miles)\(^24\) opened 1 April 1916
# Tumsur Road to Tirodi (Narrow (2ft) to Broad gauge) converted 1 September 1929

~ Tirodi-Katangi line (Narrow (2ft) gauge: 19 miles)
Tirodi to Katangi (19 miles)\(^25\) opened 1 April 1916
* Tirodi to Katangi closed 15 February 1936

BN14: Ramtek branch (Broad gauge: 15 miles)
Kamptee (Kanhan) to Wagoli (7 miles) opened 9 June 1907
Wagoli to Ramtek (8 miles) opened 26 September 1907

~ Kandri extension (Broad gauge: 3 miles)
Ramtek to Mansal (2 miles) opened 1 April 1908
Mansal to Kandri (1 mile) opened 18 June 1908
closed by 1950?

BN15: Itwari loop (Broad gauge: 4 miles)
Kalumna to Itwari opened (15 Mar 1911) 1 July 1925
Itwari to Nagpur (4 miles)

\(^{24}\) Opened as part of the **Tumsur-Tirodi Railway**. The Tumsar-Katangi Light Railway, an private industrial line, was purchased by the Government of India and renamed the Tumsur-Tirodi Railway on 1st April 1916. The Tumsur-Tirodi Railway was owned by the Government of India and worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway. The name applied only to the narrow gauge line.
Howrah-Amta Light Railway

The Howrah-Amta Light Railway was owned and worked by the Howrah-Amta Light Railway Company (agents: TA Martin & Co, Calcutta). The Howrah-Amta Light Railway was closed on 1st January 1971. The track bed was used for South Eastern Railway’s Amta branch.

HA: Howrah-Amta line (Narrow (2ft) gauge: 28 miles)
- Howrah to Dumjur (9 miles) opened 1 July 1897
- Dumjur to Bargacha (7 miles) opened 2 October 1897
- Bargacha to Maju (6 miles) opened 4 May 1898
- Maju to Amta (7 miles) opened 1 June 1898 closed 1 January 1971

HA1: Champadanga branch (Narrow (2ft) gauge: 17 miles)
- Bargacha to Jagatbalapur (1 mile) opened 2 October 1897
- Jagatbalapur to Autfur (9 miles) opened 1 June 1904
- Autfur to Champadanga (7 miles) opened 24 August 1908 closed 1 January 1971

Howrah-Sheakhala Light Railway

The Howrah-Sheakhala Light Railway was owned and worked by the Howrah-Sheakhala Light Railway Company (agents: TA Martin & Co, Calcutta). The Howrah-Sheakhala Light Railway was closed on 1st January 1971.

HS: Kadamkola-Sheakhala line (Narrow (2ft) gauge: 20 miles)
- Kamdumtala (Kadamkolla) (HA) to Chanditala (9 miles) opened 2 August 1897
- Chanditala to Kistrompur (4 miles) opened 19 September 1897
- Kistrompur to Sheakhala (15 miles) opened 7 November 1897 closed 1 January 1971

HS1: Jania branch (Narrow (2ft) gauge: 3 miles)
- Chanditala to Jania (3 miles) opened 2 August 1897? closed 1 January 1971

Bankura-Damoda River Railway

The Bankura-Damodar River Railway was owned and worked by the Bankura-Damoda River Railway Company (registered 30th March 1914; agents: McLeod & Co, Calcutta). Ownership was transferred to the Government of India and the Bankura-Damoda River Railway absorbed by the South Eastern Railway in July 1967.

BDR: Bankura-Rainagar line (Narrow gauge: 60 miles)
- Bankura to Indas (43 miles) opened 15 December 1916
- Indas to Sahara Bazar (Fakirpur) (12 miles) opened 1 April 1917
- Sahara Bazar to Rainagar (6 miles) opened 6 June 1917
- ~ Bankura to Rainagar (for gauge conversion) closed 1996
- # Bankura to Sonamukhi (Broad gauge) reopened 31 December 2004