

INTRODUCTION

BRIEF HISTORY :

Civilization has flourished on the banks of River Damodar which is rich in mineral deposits all along its course. Most bounteous of them are the Coalfields of Bengal and Jharkhand. They yield the best grades of Coal in the entire Indian sub-continent. Amongst them, the Jharia coalfields produce quality prime coking coal suitable for the steel making. Many of these fields fall in the jurisdiction of ADRA Division.

Adra, a small Railway settlement in the Raghunathpur Block of Purulia district, was a part of the erstwhile state of the Maharaja of Kashipur. In the later part of 19th century, on 14th December 1889, Adra emerged as a railway district of Bengal Nagpur Railway (BNR) with the object of catering to Jharia coalfield and solitary steel plant of Bengal, at Burnpur. The Present day ADRA station dates back to 1905. The ADAdistrict of BNR, formally became a Railway Division in 1962.

JURISDICTION & AREAS SERVED:

Present set up of Railway network of Adra Division covers the following sections:

- **ADRA-MIDNAPORE (EXCL. MIDNAPORE,RAJDHANI ROUTE): 154.122KM**
- **ADRA -CHANDIL: 94.46 KM**
- **ADRA-ASANSOL (EXCL. ASANSOL): 39.958 KM**
- **ADRA-GOMOH [ADRA-BJE (RAJDHANI ROUTE), BJE-VAA-MHQ(JC), MHQ-GMO (RAJDHANI ROUTE), EXCL. GOMO]: 78.962 KM**
- **BHOJUDIH-CHANDRAPURA [VIA-TLE-MHQ (GC- RAJDHANI ROUTE), EXCL. CHANDRAPURA]: 30.028 KM**
- **PURULIA-KOTSHILA:35.35 KM**
- **GOMOH-MURI [EXCL. GMO-CRP-RJB,TKX-BKSC-KSX]: 39.86KM**
- **TALGORIA-BOKARO (T.T. LINE): 32.742KM**
- **BANKURA-MASHAGRAM:117.209 KM**

The Division is known for its sidings. There are **30** sidings with total siding length **175.754 TKM(Assisted Siding 40.424KM & Private Siding 135.33KM)**.

The Division is bounded on the Eastern & South - Western part by W.Bengal and North -Western part by state of Jharkhand . ADRA division serves 4 districts of WEST BENGAL viz. West Midnapore, Bankura, Purulia and Burdwan & 3 districts of JHARKHAND viz Dhanbad, Bokaro and Singhbhum.

There are two main rivers Damodar and Darkeswar flowing through the division. Damodar river called Damuda, Damu means Sacred, da means water. It has number of tributaries and subtributaries such as Barkar, Konar, **Bokaro**, Haharo, **Jamunia**, Ghari, Guaia, Khadia, Bhera.