

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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Title : Regarding direct rail connectivity between Hisar and Chandigarh

Shri Brijendra Singh (HISAR): Sir, Hisar is one of the counter magnet areas chosen by the National Capital Region Planning Board for its regional growth potential. It will also be housing an integrated manufacturing cluster soon. Despite the growing developmental activity, there is no direct railway connection from Hisar to Chandigarh, which happens to be the capital of Haryana and Punjab. This is a matter of concern not only for the people of Hisar but also for the people of all of north-west Haryana, parts of Rajasthan, and Punjab, for which Hisar is important for its health, educational institutions, and sporting facilities. Currently, the shortest railway route from Hisar to Chandigarh takes almost six and a half to seven hours to cover a distance of just about 245 km. This is double the time that it would take if there were a direct railway line that could possibly be laid between Barwala and Narvana or any other feasible route. Therefore, through you, Sir, I urge the Government to consider this request and ease the access between Hisar and Chandigarh.