

Re: Suburban Railway System in Kolkata-laid

PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM): Suburban Railway system in the Kolkata city is in a horrible state. The suburban trains are overcrowded and the coaches are in a bad shape. No major efforts have been made by Indian Railway to improve the suburban rail where human passengers are carried like cattle in local trains. A number of Metro lines around Kolkata were announced by the then Minister of Railways to supplement the suburban rail system. They include Garia-Dum Dum Airport, Airport-Barasat, Joka-Esplanade, Dum Dum-Barrackpore. None of these projects had been completed and there has been almost no progress in the lines to Barasat and Barrackpore from Dum Dum. I urge upon the Hon?ble Minister of Railways to allot more money for these projects and complete the metro lines around Kolkata at an early date.