

Regarding laying down of new railway line between Jhargram and Baripada

SHRI KALIPADA SAREN KHERWAL (JHARGRAM): Madam, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak on an important issue of my constituency in this august House. I would also like to thank the people of my constituency.

The people of my constituency, Jhargram, popularly known as Jangalmahal in West Bengal, has a long-pending demand for laying down of new railway line between Jhargram and Baripada. During the past Lok Sabha election campaigns, leaders of a national political Party gave many assurances to the people of Jangalmahal/Jhargram, and one such assurance was the Jhargram-Gopiballavur-Baripada railway link. But till today, no step has been taken to fulfil their assurance. In fact, there is no direct railway connectivity between Jhargram and Baripada, and between Jhargram and Bandwan of Purulia district in my constituency.

Therefore, I would urge upon the Central Government and the hon. Minister of Railways to take up this railway project and construct the new railway line between Bandwan and Baripada via Jhilimili-Jhargram- Gopiballavpur in my constituency.