

Title: Need to review proposed circuitous alignment of the Chandigarh-Ludhiana railway line intrersecting village Jhumru of Union Territory of Chandigarh.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (CHANDIGARH): The proposed circuitous alignment of the Chandigarh-Ludhiana Railway line, forming a curve intersecting village Jhumru of the Union Territory, has led to great concern and grave apprehensions about their future amongst the residents of the village. They just fail to understand why a straight alignment between the last segment in the Union Territory and the first proposed station in Punjab area is not being followed, particularly when it reduces the distance and the cost significantly besides saving the village from being uprooted. The residents have once earlier suffered the pangs of being uprooted when they had sacrificed their hearths and homes so that Chandigarh could be built. Threat of the same fate revisiting them is frightening particularly when there is no genuine need and justification for the same. To save the people of avoidable injustice and hardship and also the public funds, it is necessary that a straight alignment between the two points as repeatedly suggested by the residents is adopted.

I urge the Government to take immediate appropriate action and save the residents of village Jhumru in Chandigarh from being uprooted.