

**Title:** Need to set up a special committee to provide free railway passes and other basic amenities to the workers engaged in railway line construction and repairing.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I rise to draw your kind attention and, through you, the attention of the Government to the large number of unorganised workers who go to carry out the railway line construction and repairing work. I think, the number of these construction workers would be around more than ten lakh all over the country, but they are not recognised as the Railway employees and they are not even getting the minimum amenities. The Railway authorities do not provide them even the medical facilities and also free passes to travel for reaching their work place. So, I urge upon the Government, through you, Sir, that the Government should come up with setting of a special committee to provide the amenities and, in particular, the free passes to the construction workers who are known as the *thekedar's mazdoors* in the Railways. So, I would urge upon the Government to make these facilities available to them.