

Title: Regarding need to review the decision of curtailment of train services on Ahmedpur-Katwa Section in West Bengal – Laid.

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME(BIRBHUM): Ministry of Railways has stopped plying of trains since last September in Ahmmadpur-Katwa section and reduced the number of trains drastically in the narrow gauge section of Burdwan-Katwa route of Eastern Railway, for a long time. This decision of the Railway Department has caused tremendous misery of the thousands of poor commuters of that region of Birbhum and Burdwan districts of West Bengal. Moreover the stations of that sections are being handed over to the private businessmen.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to review this decision of closing down and curtailing train services and immediately stop the privatisation of Railways services of that section. I also urge upon the Government to implement conversion of narrow gauge section in to broad gauge for overall development of that region.