

Title: Need to lay a new rail line between Chandrakona Road and Panskura *via* Ghatal in West Bengal.

SHRI RUPCHAND MURMU (JHARGRAM): There is a great public demand for laying a new rail line between Chandrakona Road and Panskura *via* Ghatal. Thousands of inhabitants of Chandrakona Road, Chandrakona Town, Ghatal, Daspur depend on buses only. Birsingha of Ghatal, the birthplace of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar, is a famous tourist spot. Thousands of tourists, across the country come here to pay their homage. There is rail link between Chandrakona Road station and Panskura *via* Kharagpur which is 94 km. But Chandrakona Road to Panskura Station *via* Ghatal is less than 60 km. So thousands of daily passengers will be benefited if a rail line is laid between Chandrakona Road to Panskura *via* Ghatal.

I urge upon the hon'ble Minister of Railways to fulfil the long standing demand of the people of Midnapore as early as possible.