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Title : Need to provide adequate railway services to the people of Sundarbans area in North and South 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

PROF. BASUDEB BARMAN (MATHURAPUR): Sir, the plight of the people of Sundarbans area (District North and South 24 Parganas) of West Bengal, good parts of which fall in my parliamentary constituency, Mathurapur (SC), where people are suffering due to non-availability of adequate railway service facility.

I would like to request for extension of railway network facilities for: Jaynagar to Raidighi, Canning to Sonakhali, Jaynagar to Jamtala and Park Circus to Dhamakhali; and laying of double lines in the Baruipur-Diamond Harbour Section, of which Baruipur-Magrahat sub-section requires immediate attention; also in Baruipur-Lakshmikantapur-Kakdwip Section. It is needless to reiterate that rail passengers of concerned areas suffer very badly due to heavy pressure on the single tracks in these Sections.

Also, a halt at Madhavnagar Road between Nischindapur and Kashinagar Stations in Sealdah-Lakshmikantapur-Kakdwip Section is to be set up at the earliest.

I would like to urge upon the Government that steps be taken to mitigate the sufferings of the people of Sundarbans areas of West Bengal as early as possible.