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Title: Need to construct an alternative broad gauge railway line from Chandranathpur via Lanka and Jagi Road to Guwahati in Assam.

SHRI LALIT MOHAN SUKLABAIDYA (KARIMGANJ): The construction of Tunnel No. 10 has been abandoned resulting in further delay in Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge conversion work of Luming-Badarpur line. The present estimated cost of the above work is assessed to be Rs. 4073.63 cr as against the original estimate of Rs 648 cr in 1996-97.

I, urge upon the Central Government that while construction work of Tunnel No. 10 continues, an alternative Broad Gauge line be constructed from Chandranathpur via Lanka and Jagi Road to Guwahati as per the survey held in 1989. This new line would be economical in both cost and time. It also partially alleviated the age long distress of the people suffering due to non-existence of any rail service.