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Title: Need for construction of double line from Purulia to Kotshila under Adra Railway Division.

SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO (PURULIA): I thank you Madam Speaker that you have given me a chance to participate in this important 'Zero Hour'.

My important notice is that I want a railway double line from Kotshila Railway Junction to Purulia Railway Junction, which is only 34 kilometres. It belongs to the South Eastern Railway under Adra Division. For a long time, it does not exist in the Railway Budget and it has been neglected. In my constituency in Purulia, this line is connected with Ranchi to Purulia. Ranchi is the Capital of Jharkhand and this line is connected to Bokaro Steel City, Jamshedpur Steel City and Durgapur Steel City, which are the best steel cities of India. Most of the people go to Ranchi, Bokaro, Dhanbad, Durgapur and Tatanagar through that way. Besides that, at this time of Maoist activities, many trains have been stopped. There is no alternative railway line to run the train from Purulia or Kotshila to Sealdah or Ranchi to Kolkata, the State Capital of West Bengal.

Considering the difficulties of the people, the coming Railway Budget should include Kotshila Railway junction to Purulia Railway junction double line. This is my humble submission, through you, to the Union Government.