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Title: Need to connect Kolhapur with Konkan Railway in Maharashtra-laid.

SHRI SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK (KOLHAPUR): The Konkan Railway project was completed in a record time and is running very smoothly. This important Railway line connecting Maharashtra and Kerala along the coastal area has contributed a lot towards the development of the entire coastal line.

It was suggested in the year 1999 to connect Konkan Railway to Kolhapur and a survey was carried out. It is learnt that the project was not recommended on economic grounds. The very peculiar location of Kolhapur city is a life line to Ratnagiri & Sindhudurga districts located in coastal areas. The trade links between Kolhapur and these areas are always busy and crores of Rupees of business is transacted every month.

This proposed Railway line will connect the entire Western and Southern Maharashtra to coastal area of the country. In addition, this connection is very important from National security and defence points of view. Mumbai, Pune, Kolhapur coastal area line will function as a alternative line in case of failure of section of Konkan Railway between Ratnagiri and Mumbai. This will be actually a very important by-pass and the proposal needs re-examination from all these points.

I urge the Railway Ministry to reconsider the entire proposal , carry out a fresh survey and sanction the proposal for economic growth of the region.

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श्री जगदीश शर्मा (जहानाबाद): सभापति महोदय, मैं एक महत्वपूर्ण विषय की ओर सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। बिहार राज्य के दक्षिणी जिले - जहानाबाद, गया, औरंगाबाद, बेगूसराय, समस्तीपुर, नवादा आदि में पीने का पानी नहीं है...(व्यवधान)

सभापति महोदय : Day after tomorrow. जीरो ऑवर शाम को आयेगा, आप उस समय बोल सकते हैं। प्लीज सिट डाऊन।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): You can raise it day after tomorrow. â€¦(Interruptions)

श्री जगदीश शर्मा : सभापति महोदय, पानी का लैवल बहुत नीचे चला गया है...(व्यवधान)

सभापति महोदय : जब जीरो ऑवर आयेगा, उस समय आप यह मामला उठा सकते हैं। आप बैठ जाइये।