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Title: Need to upgrade Ajni Railway Station and reconstruct Railway Over Bridge at the Ajni Railway Station in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): During his budget speech in 2008 the then Hon'ble Minister for Railways had, in principle, agreed to include Railway Station, Nagpur along with the other eight railway stations proposed to be upgraded to the level of World Class Railway Stations. The existing Nagpur railway station is 125 years old and is being preserved as a heritage building. Therefore, there being no scope for its further development, the people of Nagpur at large proposed the development of Ajni Railway Station, which is in the heart of Nagpur city and which would provide easy accessibility and better facilities to the majority of people. But unfortunately, no headway has been made in its implementation during the last over three years.

The then Hon'ble Minister for Railways also announced in her budget speech in 2009 that the existing Railway Hospital in Nagpur would also be upgraded and developed as a Medical College cum Hospital with all the required infrastructure and the financial needs. During his visit to Nagpur Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Railways also assured to follow up the implementation of this important proposal.

The Railway Over Bridge (ROB) at the Ajni Railway Station, 125 years old, is completely in ramshackle position and might cause a big disaster owing to the heavy traffic passing over it. The Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways, also visited the site and agreed to have it reconstructed simultaneously along with the upgradation of the Ajni Railway Station.

The people of Nagpur are extremely happy with these assurances of the Government and hoped that the said proposals would be implemented on priority basis which are felt to be absolutely necessary in view of the expanding industrial, educational, economic, health activities and increasing population of Nagpur. I would urge upon the Government to accord priority in the implementation of the long cherished demands of the people of Nagpur.