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Title: Need to take steps to restart the rail line between Kolkata and Gitaldha (Bangladesh).

[*SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY \(COOCH BEHAR\)](#): I want to draw your kind attention to the fact that my Constituency, Cooch Behar, West Bengal is situated all along Bangladesh Border. Bangladesh is our neighbouring country and also we have a very cordial relation with this country. Now to make this relationship more strong and constructive and also to take some new initiative, our Hon. Prime Minister along with some Chief Ministers and other dignitaries had visited Dhaka in September 2011. I want to mention here that there is a Rail Line between Gitaldha to Kolkata which passes through Bangladesh and upto 1965 this rail was in use and thereafter it was stopped. Through this rail line, the people of North Bengal can reach the capital city of West Bengal, Kolkata, within 8 to 9 hrs. whereas at present they have to travel more than 16 hours i.e. double the time. Till date, this Rail Line is there. So, I request the Hon. Minister of Railways to take up this matter with the Bangladesh Government and to restart the Rail Line between Gitaldha to Kolkata at the earliest and oblige.