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Title: Need for doubling of rail line between Kotshila Junction and Purulia junction of Adra Division under South Eastern Railways.

SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO (PURULIA): Thank you, Sir, for giving me a chance to raise an important matter of urgent public importance. I belong to a remote constituency, Purulia, West Bengal. It is called as the Jungle Mahal as there are not much rail facilities available there. Ranchi is the capital city of Jharkhand which is 122 kilometres away from Purulia. Out of 122 kilometres, 88 kilometres are under double line and only 33 kilometres from Kotshila to Purulia are under single line. Bokaro is just 26 kilometres and Jamshedpur is 60 kilometres away from Kotshila. In this section trains to Asansol and Durgapur also run. I had earlier also requested the hon. Railway Minister to make it a double line but there has not been any mention of this in the Railway Budget presented by the Hon. Minister yesterday.

So, I would request the hon. Railway Minister, through you, that section from Kotshila to Purulia, which comes under Adar Division of South Eastern Railway, be converted into a double line so that the students and labour class who travel on this section for their livelihood to neighbouring factories are benefited. I would again humbly submit to do it at the earliest.