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Title: Need for doubling of 34 km. Railway line between Kotshila and Purulia under Adra division of S.E. Railways in West Bengal .

SHRI NARHARI MAHATO (PURULIA): Mr. Chairman, thank you for allowing me to raise an important matter relating to my parliamentary constituency, Purulia, West Bengal. This important matter was raised by me more than two or three times in this august House. This important matter is about the railway double line from Kotshila to Purulia.

Sir from Purulia, the district headquarters of my parliamentary constituency to Ranchi, the capital town of Jharkhand is nearly 122 kilometres of distance. About 88 kilometres from Ranchi to Kotshila is a double-line section and remaining 34 kilometres from Kotshila Railway Junction to Purulia till today has not been double-lined. That area is known as 'Jungle Mahal'. It was affected by Maoist activities. The students of that area go to Ranchi for education. If this line is converted into double-line; then the students, the workers, the unorganized sector labourers and peasants will be benefited while going to Ranchi, Bokaro, Durgapur and Jamshedpur.

Sir, I had raised this important issue in this august House to the notice of the hon. Minister of Railways. But till today it has not been done.

Sir, today is the first day of the Monsoon Session. It is a very important issue in my parliamentary constituency. So, my humble submission to the hon. Minister through you Sir is for making of double-line from Kotshila to Purulia which is only 34 kilometres. It will be beneficial to the people, students, youths, peasants and unorganized labourers of this country.