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Title: Need to restart the rail service between Gitaldha (Bangladesh) to Kolkata.

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 along Bangladesh Border. Bangladesh is our neighbouring country and also we have a very cordial relation with this country. In order to build this relationship more strong and constructive and also to take some new initiative, our Hon'ble Prime Minister along with Chief Ministers of some States and other dignitaries had visited Dhaka in September 2011. I want to mention that there is a Rail Line between Gitaldha to Kolkata which passes through Bangladesh and upto 1965 this rail line was in use and after that 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 now 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'ble 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.

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...(Interruptions)

उपाध्यक्ष मंडोदर्य : छात्रा तो चलने दीजिए।

â€“(व्यवधान)

उपाध्यक्ष मंडोदर्य : कृपया अपने स्थान पर जाएं।

â€“(व्यवधान)

उपाध्यक्ष मंडोदर्य : कृपया बैठ जाइए।

â€“(व्यवधान)

**14.02 hrs**

*At this stage, Shri Sansuma Khunggur Bwiswmuthiary came and stood on the floor near the Table.*

...(Interruptions)

उपाध्यक्ष मंडोदर्य : रिकॉर्ड में कुछ नहीं जाएगा।

...(व्यवधान) \*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow, the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012, at 11 a.m.

**14.03 hrs**

**The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock**

*on Friday, August 24, 2012/Bhadrapada 2, 1934 (Saka).*

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\* Due to continuous interruptions in the House, Starred Questions could not be taken up for oral answers. Therefore, these Starred Questions were treated as Unstarred Questions.

\* Not recorded.

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