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Title : Need for doubling up of railway line between Kharagpur and Gokulpur via Giri Maidan in South Eastern Railways.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): The Railway track between Kharagpur and Gokulpur via Giri Maidan in South Eastern Railway is being operated on a single line. The total length of this stretch is about 13 Kms. About 50 Express trains and other passenger and goods trains including Rajdhani Express pass through this section. It is also an important route for connecting Haldia port with rest of the country. Moreover, with the constructions of second railway bridge over river Kansai, the volume of rail traffic will go up. The need to lay double track has, therefore, become the necessity. Already, a heavy traffic congestion has become a regular feature on this route.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to undertake doubling of railway track on this stretch immediately besides making Giri Maidan Railway Station as a crossing point station.