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Title: Need to set up a Rail Industrial Park in East Midnapore, West Bengal.

SHRI SUVENDU ADHIKARI (TAMILUK): I would like to bring it to the kind attention of Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Govt. of India through you that we cannot deny the importance of an industrial park in economy development. An industrial park is based on the philosophy of integrating different industrial functions. It boosts up economic viability of any country by creating an ample scope of infrastructure development. And I think that industrial park plays a great role in a country, like India where unemployment is a burning issue.

.Considering this important aspect of economic viability of an industrial park, the then Hon'ble Railway Minister, Govt. of India, Miss Mamata Banerjee gracefully announced in her Railway Budget, 2011-12 to set up a "Rail Industrial Park" at Jellingham in Nandigram, East Midnapore, West Bengal. Speaker Madam, I must say that our leader Miss Mamata Banerjee started development of railway infrastructure with a meticulous planning. It was proposed that the park would be a cluster of different industrial units whose output will be consumed by the railways and at its initial stage it would focus on high volume safety, which is very essential. A joint venture between Burn Standard Co. Ltd and SAIL was initiated to manufacture car steel bogies and couplers. Naturally, there is an opportunity of employment not only in Bengal but also in the country and the park shall be a beginning to create a global hub in India for Railway industry.

But the deep concern is that there is no positive initiative from the Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India for this innovative thought of the then Hon'ble Union Railway Minister, to set up a "Rail Industrial Park." I don't know why the concerned Ministry is not showing interest for this viable project.

So, this is my humble request to Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Govt. of India to please take initiative for the project so that economic as well as commercial viability of Indian Railways can be sustained.