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Title: Regarding laying of second railway line in Rajmundry, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI M. MURLI MOHAN (RAJAHMUNDRY): Respected Madam, I would like to bring to the kind attention of the Union Government and the hon. Railway Minister, through this august House, that apart from road-cum-railway bridge running across the river Godavari at Rajamahendravaram, there is another railway bridge situated on the river Godavari which is having only a single railway track.

Owing to single track, the railway traffic at Rajahmundry and its neighbouring railway stations, namely Godavari, Kovvuru and Nidadavolu railway stations are badly affected. In fact, a large number of passengers and goods trains pass through this route.

So, laying of second railway track on this rail bridge is the need of the hour. There is sufficient place to lay the second rail track. If the second railway track is made available, it would not only lessen the train traffic on this route but would also help diversion of the rail-cum-road bridge when it is closed for repairs.

I would, therefore, earnestly request the Union Government and the hon. Minister of Railways to accord funds for laying of second railway track on the railway bridge running across the river Godavari, Rajahmundry.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Ram Charitra Nishad – not present.