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Title: Need to provide funds for construction of new railway line from Deshapran to Nandigram in East Midnapore, West Bengal.

SHRI SUVENDU ADHIKARI (TAMILUK): Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring it to the kind attention of the hon. Minister of Railways of the Union Government, through you, that a project for construction of a new railway line from Deshapran to Nandigram in East Midnapore, West Bengal was gracefully announced by the then Railway Minister, Miss Mamata Banerjee in 2009-10. But it is sad to note that no fund has been allocated yet from the concerned Ministry for this project of Rs.121.44 crore. We cannot deny that construction of new railway line is one of the important factors for the development of railway infrastructure. Sir, it goes without saying that the project will create job opportunities and it will be a blessing to unemployed youth in this high inflationary period. But I do not know why there has not been any fund allocation for this project though it is also one of the important projects to help the Indian economy to some extent.

Here we must consider it very seriously that time-bound completion of any project is very important. Otherwise, it will create extra burden on public exchequer because there will be escalation in project cost due to increase in material and other costs with passage of time and we have such examples where the total estimated project cost has been increased due to failure in time-bound completion of projects.

So, this is my humble request to the hon. Union Railway Minister, through you, to please allot the required fund immediately for the project so that the work can be started early and completed as early as possible. Thank you.