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Title: Need to accelerate the pace of construction of broad gauge railway line from Macherla to Nalgonda.

SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY (NALGONDA): I would like to draw the kind attention of this august House to a matter regarding the dire need to complete the new railway broad gauge line from Macherla to Nalgonda having a stretch of more than 80 kilometres, which pertains to my Nalgonda Parliamentary Constituency in Telangana. The project cost amounts to Rs.481 crore.

This new railway line project has been pending since 1997-98 and less funds were allotted to complete this project, that is, Rs.1 lakh every year, which leads to slow pace of work. It would not be out of place to mention that the detailed estimate was sanctioned by the Railway Board and also notified as Special Railway Project two years back within the ambit of the Railways (Amendment) Act, 2008. The then hon. Minister of State for Railways also inspected the project on 30.3.2012 accompanied by railway officials and he also said that Rs.410 crore was allotted for this purpose by the Centre. During the last year and in the current year, Rs.5 crore each was released. A portion of land is available for this project and tenders should be called for without further delay. Even though there is a huge demand from the local people since long, this project has been neglected and also running at a snail's pace for the reasons not known to me. If this line is executed, the Railways would generate additional revenue.

In view of the demand of the local public for train connectivity, I request the hon. Minister of Railways to complete this new railway line immediately.